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AMERICAN SYMPATHY FOR ITALY.

Imposing Meeting at the City Assembly Rooms.

Speeches of Rev. Dr. Bellows, Rev. H. W. Beecher, Rev. J. P. Thompson. Chas. King, LL. D., Joseph Hoxie, and Prof. O. M. Mitchell.

The large Hall of the City Assembly Rooms was crowded with an audience of at least three thousand persons of both sexes, last evening, in response to the call for an expression of American sympathy with Italian Liberty, recently issued by a number of prominent citizens.

The following organization was effected:

President—JAMES W. BEEKMAN.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

W. H. Appleton,	Hamilton Fish,
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Samuel Osgood,	Geo. H. Folsom,
Charles Butler,	H. T. Tuckerman,
Winfield Scott,	J. W. Francis,
W. Allen Butler,	F. L. Hawks,
Watts Sherman,	Moses H. Grinnell,
John A. Dix,	W. F. Havemeyer,
Henry B. Smith,	Hiram Ketchum,
Thomas Jones,	Charles King.

Mr. BEEKMAN, on taking the chair, made a brief address stating that the object of the meeting was not to fight for religion or political parties, but simply to encourage the Italian people in their present endeavor to regain their ancient glories, unimpeded by foreign intervention. They believed that every Sovereign, President, or Emperor, rules by the grace of God, and the will of the people.

Mr. G. W. BLUNT announced that letters had been received from Prof. SILLIMAN, JOHN A. DIX, G. S. HILLARD, Hon. CHAS. SUMNER, Hon. E. J. MORRIS, of Pennsylvania; Hon. Senator FOSTER, of Connecticut; and Hon. GEO. BRIGGS, of New-York. When the name of CHARLES SUMNER was announced, there were loud cries of "Read it," "Read it," and loud applause. The President was at length obliged to read the letter, after taking the sense of the meeting—the "Ayes" having the decided superiority in numbers, though the "Noes" spoke quite loudly. The following is the letter.

FROM HON. CHAS. SUMNER.

Feb. 16, 1860.

DEAR SIR: You have done me no more than justice when you suppose that my sympathies are with Italy in her present noble struggle. If I do not attend the meeting at New-York, according to the invitation with which I have been honored, it is because other duties here keep me away. To the cause of human freedom everywhere, I am bound by all ties, whether of feeling or principle. [Applause.] To Italy, also, venerable yet ever young, with that fatal gift of beauty which from all time she has worn, I confess a sentiment of love and reverence. I am sorrowful in her sorrow and happy in her happiness. [Cheers.]

Surely by her past history and all that Italy has done for human improvement, we are her debtors. Without Italian genius what now would be modern civilization? There is no art or science, or activity or grace, in which she has not excelled or led the way. If I went into details I must mention, not only sculpture, printing, engraving and music, but also astronomy, navigation, book-keeping and jurisprudence, and I must present an array of great names such as no other country can boast, and to all these I must add the practical discoveries of the mariner's compass, the barometer, the telescope applied to astronomy, and the pendulum as a measure of time. [Applause.]

To the political sceptics and infidels who affect to doubt the capacity for freedom of this illustrious people, I would say that Italy in modern times was the earliest home of political science, and the earliest author of some of those political truths which have since passed into principles. [Cheers] Besides, divided into separate sovereign States, with separate systems of legislation, her condition is coincident with our own to the extent of possessing these local facilities for self-government which are our boast. And then there is the spirit of her sons as shown in recent efforts, giving assurance of wisdom, and of that rarer wisdom which knows how to guide and temper courage, both of which shone so conspicuous in the Venetian MANIN, worthy compeer of our own WASHINGTON. [Cheers.] Allow me to add that I confidently look to the day when we may welcome into the fellowship of nations a community, new in external form, but old in its constituent parts—separate in local Governments but bound in federal union—with one national flag, one national coin and one national principle, giving to all the strength of unity, *E Pluribus Unum*, and constituting the United States of Italy. And may God speed the good time.

Accept the assurance of the regard and respect with which I have the honor to be, dear Sir,

Respectfully yours, CHARLES SUMNER.

V. BOTTA, Esq., President of the Italian National Committee.

The following letters were also read:

FROM PROF. SILLIMAN.

NEW-HAVEN, Feb. 13, 1860.

I should be happy to attend on the 17th instant the meeting of sympathy with the Italian cause, to which you have done me the honor to invite me, but personal and domestic reasons, I regret to say, compel me to decline.

If, however, the opinions and wishes of a retired individual are of any importance, I am happy to add that the Italian cause, in its present aspect, appears to me the most important and interesting of all the national conflicts, whether of opinion or of arms, that now engross the attention of Europe.

Italy, the land of physical grandeur and beauty—the native land of talent, taste and art—the land of early light in both literature and science—the land in which the love of civil and religious liberty has never expired, and in whose cause the best blood of her patriots has been freely shed in many a stern conflict with foreign and domestic despotism.

Italy, whose noble sons armed in firm array, now stand ready to do battle for freedom and future security. Italy, whose enlightened and intrepid navigator solved the great problem of a new world beyond the Ocean! Italy, whose classic poetry charmed our early years, and whose attractions, still rich and delightful, have equally charmed our sober evening of life as we have roamed through the Peninsula—from the glaciers of the Alps to the fires of Vesuvius and Ætna. This illustrious Italy, by the favor of God and by the aid of allies wise in counsel and valliant in action, has already risen from the dust and ruins of ages, and is now robing her beautiful form in the grateful vestments of Liberty and glory, to be worn, as we trust, for ages yet to come.

Every true-hearted American bids her God speed, and such is the fervent wish, now cheered and sustained by hope, of Italy's sincere friend and admirer,

BENJAMIN SILLIMAN.

FROM HON. GEORGE S. HILLARD.

BOSTON, Feb. 14, 1860.

GENTLEMEN: I have received an invitation from you to attend a meeting of the friends of Italy, to be held in New-York on the 17th inst. You do me but justice when you express a confident hope that my "sympathies lean towards your side." They do indeed, and I have only to express the regret which I feel that my engagements here will not permit me to be present at your meeting. I shall be with you in spirit. Italy is to me a name fragrant with beautiful recollections. I recall the time I spent there as one recalls by day a strain of music heard in the watches of the night. How many hours of toil have been refreshed—how many hours of pain have been soothed—by the lovely pictures I brought away from your country. For the last twelve years I have watched with an interest, second only to your own, her eventful history. It is not merely the partial feeling of a friend but the calm judgment of a disinterested observer, which affirms that the conduct and attitude of the Italian people since the peace of Villafranca, deserve and have won the admiring sympathy of the friends of freedom all over the world. The people of Italy have shown themselves worthy of the blood that flows in their veins. And they have shown this by the display of rare qualities, such as more than any others try the frame and soul of man. For in this life, nothing is harder than to wait. Even to act bravely is an inferior function of the soul than to endure calmly. The martyr's palm is a higher crown than the hero's laurel. And this patient continuance—this silent strength—this serene fortitude—is all the more admirable because there is in it no alloy of apathy or insensibility. The Italians are a sensitive, finely organized people, quickly responsive to the touch alike of pleasure or pain; patience seems not with them a quality indigenous to the soil; and thus the more merit is theirs for having so successfully cultivated it. In them the law in the members has been subdued by the law in the mind. They have taken counsel of their reason, and not of their impetuous blood. They have ruled their own spirit, and theirs is a spirit not easily ruled.

And this attitude of the Italian people has wrought its legitimate results. It has secured for them a large measure of sympathy and respect. And more than this, it has led wise and grave men—men not under the control of their emotions and their sensibilities—to the conclusion that a people who have shown so much patience and self-control are worthy of being taken out of political leading-strings and allowed to walk alone.

I spent most of the last Summer in England. The English, as you know, are a generous people, but not very excitable or enthusiastic; their sympathies are not moved by a light touch; but among all those whom it was my fortune to meet, young and old, liberal and courteous, I found but one feeling of interest in the Italian cause, and of respect and admiration for the conduct and people of Italy; and should there be any attempt to force upon them a form of government distasteful to them, I am sure that all England would ring from side to side with a voice of indignant remonstrance. The heart of humanity is on your side of Italy; and its primal affections fight in her behalf, as the stars in their course fought against Sisera. This aggregated and accumulated sympathy, to which every generous breast in Christendom contributes a share, is not indeed immaterial force, but it is a power which those who wield the material forces of the world are compelled to respect. It is an invisible, a spiritual power; but it penetrates to the council chambers of tyranny, it hangs with paralyzing weight upon the arm of the hireling soldiers; it animates the freeman's heart and braces his frame; no ruler is so strong in material resources as to be beyond its reach; every advance in civilization gives it fresh influence. I am not disposed to over estimate the importance of such meetings as that which you propose to hold, but Italy is fairly entitled to a word of sympathy from this great country, which, in common with all the civilized world, owes so much to her. Shall not we, who were born free, stretch out a hand of fellowship to those who have shown themselves ready to purchase their freedom with a great price? They have nothing more to do than to persevere in the firm and heroic attitude they have thus far maintained. To me, who am not of an oversanguine mood, the future of Italy seems full of hope; but, be this as it may, her past cannot be taken from her. Her conduct during the past year has added to the world's historical wealth, and enlarged the debt we already owed to her. Every native of Italy has fresh cause to be proud of the land of his birth, and we who love her, though not children of her soil, have reason to be grateful to her for having justified our confidence and responded to our hopes.

Yours, in sincere sympathy and warm interest,

GEORGE S. HILLARD.

Rev. JOSEPH P. THOMPSON then read the resolutions, as follows:

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, During the months which have elapsed since the expulsion of the Austrians from Lombardy, the flight of the Dukes from Tuscany, Parma and Modena, and the revolution in Romagna, the inhabitants of Central Italy by the moderation, self-control, respect for social and civil rights, and wise administration of public affairs, have demonstrated their entire unanimity of purpose and their ability to sustain a Constitutional Government upon the basis of independent nationality; and,

Whereas, The Governments of Great Britain and France have declared their recognition of the independence thus attained, and their determination not to permit the intervention of any foreign Power to force back upon the Italian people the dynasties and rulers which they have rejected; and

Whereas, A people who have so worthily achieved and maintained their national independence, deserve that cordial recognition and sympathy for freedom by which the people of the United States, precluded from political interference in foreign affairs, are entitled to make their influence felt in the great family of nations: therefore

Resolved, That as American citizens, we recognize and affirm the right of the people of Central Italy to choose for themselves that form of government which seems to them the best fitted to promote their safety and happiness.

Resolved, That the intervention of a foreign Power to prevent the people of any country from adopting any form of Government they may prefer, should be regarded as a violation of the comity of nations; and that such intervention from any quarter in the affairs of Central Italy should be promptly rebuked by the civilized world.

Resolved, That we hail with thankfulness the policy of non-intervention in Italian affairs so clearly laid down in the French pamphlet entitled *Le Pape et le Congres*, and the consistent and magnanimous declarations of the Emperor of the French in accordance with that policy.

Resolved, That the declaration of the Queen of Great Britain in her speech at the opening of Parliament, against armed intervention by any foreign Power in Italian affairs, is worthy of the position and policy of England as a champion of civil and religious freedom, and of national independence.

Resolved, That the heroic devotion of VICTOR EMANUEL, King of Sardinia, to the cause of Italian nationality and independence, has won for him the admiration of the American people, and will give him a name among the benefactors of mankind.

Resolved, That ecclesiastical government in secular affairs is destructive alike of freedom of conscience, independence of thought, and the purity of religion, and that the advocasy of such government, in whatever quarter, should be disavowed by American citizens as contrary to the first principles of American freedom, to the experience of our national history and the teachings and example of the Fathers of the Revolution.

Resolved, That we tender to the people of Italy our warmest congratulations upon the measures of Independence to which they have already attained, and the assurance of our sympathy and moral support so long as they shall remain true to Order, Justice and Liberty.

Mr. THOMPSON, at the conclusion of the reading, proceeded to enlarge upon the principal point of each resolution. He exhibited an original copy of the famous pamphlet, *Le Pape et le Congrès*, remarking that it was more than a second Solferino to Austria. He read a portion of it, as follows: "The domination of Austria in Italy is ended." "France will not intervene to reëstablish the temporal authority of the Pope in the Romagna." He considered that Louis NAPOLEON was carrying out the programme he had promised with regard to Italy, even more effectually than by the force of arms. He believed that the "pestilential writings" complained of in the Pope's letter of allocution, were the Bible translated so that the people could read it, and newspapers and books. In his opinion, the Pope wanted to be restored to the Romagna for the purpose of stifling free thought. He deprecated that spirit which made a virtue of religious toleration, and indorsed the sentiment that "tolerance is not the opposite of intolerance, but the counterfeit of it"—both are despotism. He believed in men's right to freedom of thought and action, and scouted the idea of any intention on the part of this meeting to interfere with the religious belief of any man. They wanted simply to restrict the Pope to spiritual affairs, and separate ecclesiastical authority from temporal affairs. He believed that when an American citizen declares his allegiance to some temporal power outside of this country, that is constructive treason. [Great applause.] The people of Italy had shown themselves worthy of sympathy. The sentiment of Venice was evinced in the peculiar significance with which the citizens would call for a match, (*zolferino* in the Venitian vocabulary.) One would say to another, having reference to his cigar: "We need another Zolferino." [Laughter and applause.]

At this point there was considerable confusion caused by an individual who, it was afterwards stated, was drunk or crazy, who insisted upon speaking. In accordance with numerous suggestions, he was at length put out. But he had scarcely been disposed of when a disturbance and a small knock-down and drag-out fight occurred in another part of the Hall. The police interfered, however, and order was soon restored.

CHARLES KING, LL. D., the next speaker, seconded the resolutions. He argued that the people of Italy had demonstrated, both by their past history and present condition, their entire fitness for freedom.

The drunk or crazy gentleman again made his appearance, and after procuring his hat, which had been left behind in his previous hasty exit, waved it to the audience, and again attempted to speak. A large portion of the audience seemed disposed to hear him, and the Chair awarded him the floor, but by that time he had been again expelled. Amid much confusion, the resolutions were adopted with but one dissenting voice.

REMARKS OF REV. DR. BELLOWS.

Rev. Dr. BELLOWS, on being introduced, said he was here amongst a great many others, and, probably, more acceptable gentlemen, to testify the very strong and earnest interest he had in the objects of this meeting. His words, however, must be very few; for he knew how impatient his audience must be to hear those who carried the trumpets; he blew simply a very small pipe. [Laughter.] But its tune was, he hoped, in honest harmony with the objects of their coming together there. The truth was that the difficulty of saying anything at this time was that they labored under the unhappiness of not being able to say enough. Up to this hour there had been no expression on the part of the American people, of interest with the Italian cause, except an expression of sentiment which did not give the key-note to the popular or the national feeling. We did not wish to have our compatriots—for such we called them—in Italy, hear the American sentiment from other than truly American voices We wanted to have the genuine sentiment of America expressed, and that would be an expression of honest and unfeigned sympathy with the cause of Constitutional Liberty in Italy. [Cheers.] Nobody could say that up to this hour, the efforts for liberty on the part of the European nationalities during the last thirty years had been stimulating to faith or encouraging to hope. We gave our sympathies to Greece, and we had long been waiting for fruits of them. We gave our sympathies to Hungary, when KOSSUTH, with a tongue like a sword, one side dripping honey and the other blood, gave expression to the cause of his country's independence. [Loud ceeers.] We gave it also to the people of France, where it elicited more than expected results, and we had been waiting for its fruits in fact, among the various peoples of Europe until this hour. But he could not say that our hopes had been very much gratified or our confidence very much confirmed. Meantime we had had an experience in our own country of the difficulties with which these people were beset. It was because of an honest sense that those enterprises had been defeated, or, he should rather say, delayed, that we were now disposed so heartily to proclaim a new sympathy with an old cause, which, with better ground of hope than before, appealed to us from the Italian peninsula. [Cheers.] Look to that country (Italy) and see what an astonishing progress had been made in its various parts during the last few years. What so much like American or English institutions could now be seen as free Sardinia with its free Press. [Applause.] What a magnificent self-sacrifice had been demonstrated of late among the Tuscans, who were willing to lay down their sympathies for the Napoleonic code, in order to testify to their interest in the national cause. Let us rejoice that in Tuscany now—rejoice, not because we are Protestants, but because we are freemen—that in Florence four Protestant congregations worship in tolerance, and without let or hindrance. [Applause.] The Waldenses would yet see, not the downfall of Roman Catholicism, for none of us desired that until God's own time should come, [applause,] but the downfall of a system of ecclesiasticism which expels Protestantism and prohibits free speech. This was not a meeting in which Protestantism would array herself against Catholicism or Catholicism against Protestantism, but one which simply indicated the contest of the freeman against slavery. [Applause.] He shared in no vulgar prejudices which would enter into a great religious raid against the Roman Catholic interest of this country or of any other country. He believed in all religions that were honest and sincere before God, and he had known too many devout and religious Catholics not to pay them the token of his reverence. He hoped that was the universal sentiment, and that this assemblage had not been convened under any disguise whatever, or in any form, simply to promote Protestantism, but to promote great liberal sentiments. At this very moment the Italian boot pinched very much the toe; but that was not the worst either, for there was a place where it pinched still, and that was just round the calf of the leg. [Laughter and applause.] Naples would be very easily disposed of if the States of the Church were properly rescinded. That was the place which we wished to see noticed, and when LOUIS NAPOLEON made such a movement, he (Dr. B.) would not withhold his praise, though LOUIS NAPOLEON was never a man whom he was disposed to mention with much praise. He rejoiced, however, to see one thing made evident in the present state of affairs, and that was that though Italy could have her fortunes settled by diplomacy, yet there was something mightier than diplomacy, and that was something which had blocked LOUIS NAPOLEON and compelled him to be honest. [Cheers.] Public opinion had compelled not only France, but England likewise, to say that there shall be no intervention with the self-asserting liberties of Italy. [Applause.] Italy, by the grace of God and the will, was destined to be a unit and a free country. [Loud Cheers.]

SPEECH OF REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Mr. BEECHER said that their coming together in such a meeting as this was significant of the time in which we live. New-York was the Metropolis of the land, and he might say that they who were present were the tongue of New-York, and by this meeting one country was speaking to another. America, to-night, had a word of cheer for Italy. It would be a shame if we had no sympathy for that which had given us the power to have sympathy, for whatever was just, and generous, and manly and christianly good. They had been called to-night to say to Italy that God had blessed us with a constitutional and regulated liberty, and to stand up and point not alone to our citizens, but to all that surrounds them, and to say to the world, "This is the fruit of liberty, this is Christianity inspired by freedom, and here are the signs and tokens," and this is what it does to men and by men, and if we could take the book of liberty ourselves and sit down by ourselves like a curmudgeon in a corner, caring nothing for what other men should say of it, such meanness should incur the contempt of every manly heart. The first feeling that every American heart must have whenever there is a rising or the sighing of man or of men for liberty, must be "God grant his petition for victory." [Applause.] He was glad his words were being taken down. He never expected to say much to his friend and co-minister the Pope. [Laughter.] He thought the Pope would read of this meeting to-night, and would feel the fellow feeling of a co-minister towards him. Say to him, if you please, (addressing the reporters,) that this meeting wishes him well; that I don't like ANTONELLI, but I do like the Pope. The pity is that he has such bad advisers. [Laughter and applause.] The men there, he continued, who read by stealth, not alone, but the men that listened, the men to whom the ear was sight, would know that there was a voice from America, from what was said here to-night. Let us say to our brethren abroad that we have been educated in that which they seek—Liberty; and tell them that we were never so much in love with it as we are to-day; that we believe that liberty is the fruit of manhood, and that there cannot be manhood without liberty; that all true development of human nature is due to liberty, or else that liberty is spurious. Like the tuber planted in the Northern cellar, and sending forth its yellow stalks for light, so men grew, seeking that God should give them libery. Nothing in this world grew precious but weeds, without laboring for; and with all our trouble—with all the necessity for vigilance—with all we had to do to manage this organized liberty, it was yet the best boon God ever conferred upon a Christian people. Christian, organized civil liberty—say it to the Pope! [Cheers.] But while liberty in the individual, beginning in a selfish instinct, ripened into the generosity of a moral sentiment, it always, if it grew at all, grew towards a certain chivalric nobleness—grew not alone for the strong, but for the weak. Where, however, there was a spirit of civil liberty without its generosity—without a wish to extend liberty to others—it was not half right. If Italy knew that this whole land felt hearty gladness for her prospect, and sympathy with her struggle, that was food and that was armor. Let us tell the people, when we had told the Pope. [Laughter.] He spoke reverentially. The Pope was just as good as he, if he did as well. [Laughter.] He praised him for everything that he did do well. Let us, then, say to our brethren struggling there, "We remember you." We believe that your day is come"—for though it is said that "one swallow does not make a Summer," yet when all the larks discharge their hibernating brood, and all the Southern climes send their swallows up, and all the birds begin to sing and the trees to blossom, then we believe that that is Summer; and we, too, believe that there are too many birds singing in Italy not to convince us that the Summer is come there also. [Applause.] Mr. BEECHER proceeded to allude to the Emperor NAPOLEON, upon whom he said he had once whetted his knife, and who had undertaken to aid the Italians in their vindication of popular rights, from one of two motives. He was either a good man or a bad man. If he was a good man, his acts showed that he was actuated by sympathy. If he were bad, he showed that, what was better, the state of public sentiment in Europe forced him to yield to the cause of popular liberty. He (BEECHER) believed both these things. He thought that the public sentiment of Europe had compelled NAPOLEON to favor popular public liberty, and he thought NAPOLEON was glad of it. [Laughter and applause.] Whilst we were sending these popular tokens to Europe, let us say that our Liberty is not perfect. We have our own troubles. That soil which didn't grow weeds, wouldn't grow anything else. But there was air here for men to breathe, and give us the power of men's tongues among us. They said our talk was gas, and all mere wind-work. Yes, but it was wind-work that took COLUMBUS half round the earth to discover this continent. [Applause.] Let us have wind enough for men's voices and we would never have explosions. It was the want of air in Italy that made Italy so dangerous to live in. We here were flowing, we were sowing, and we were reaping, and our children should reap, and every single year we were making our furrows a furlong longer. [Applause.] Then tell the Italians that, and say to them that in this great people, while we are among ourselves divided on some minor questions, and while it would be possible to get a divided verdict on the question of Italy, if improperly presented, yet, when the question came up, "Liberty for oppressed nationalities," there would be no division from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains, and from the North to the South; and he thought there was not one State in this Union which would not, if it could, raise up its voice and say, "All hail to Italian Liberty." He concluded by saying that, as to the Italians now struggling for their independence, they had our hope, our feeling and our prayer, and if need be, and a way should open, they would have personal application of thought, of feeling and of prayer in that manner most effective, (showing his clenched fist.) [Great applause, amidst which Mr. BEECHER retired.]

SPEECH OF JOSEPH HOXIE.

Mr. JOSEPH HOXIE, the next speaker, indorsed the objects of the meeting, on behalf of the classes of the community outside of the clergy. He considered the present position of Italy similar to that of the young American Republic when LAFAYETTE extended his timely aid. He closed by calling for three cheers for Italian liberty and independence. [The cheers were given with a will.]

SPEECH OF PROF. MITCHILL.

Prof. O. M. MITCHILL was the next speaker. He believed one soul worth all the worlds in the universe. He was here to-night to say a word about the debt which we owe to Italy, the land of GALILEO, on the subject of astronomy. Think of the development of human intellect, and of the omnipotence that lifts men up from this earth to consider the great cause of it all. The astronomical achievements of GALILEO and of Italy have led to all this. GALILEO conquered the universe. But, what a change was in Italy when the speaker last visited Tuscany. There were Austrian troops there, and his friend had in whispers only dared to tell him how Italians wished in secret for the ousting of Austria, and the liberation of Italy. Had God ever formed that country for slaves? No. [Applause.] He called upon Italians, by all that could actuate them, to arise and assert their freedom, and assert their rank among the nations of the earth. Now was the time to strike for freedom and right. God grant that the stroke should be given with force, and God grant that it may triumph. [Applause.]

The President announced that he had received a slip of paper with a lady's handwriting upon it. He would read it:

"Please to send our heartfelt sympathies from the women of America to their sisters and brethren in Italy." [Cheers.]

After responding with hearty good will to a call for "three cheers for GARIBALDI," the meeting separated, upon motion of Mr. BLUNT, the entire proceedings having been conducted with great unanimity, notwithstanding the untimely motions of the inebriated gentleman.

Lively Times in Jefferson Territory.

WAR AGAINST CLAIM-JUMPERS AND TURKEY THIEVES.

The *Rocky Mountain News Extra*, of Feb. 3, says:

On Monday, 30th ult., a portion of Denver City, on which there was but little improvement, was "jumped" by parties who immediately commenced the erection of houses thereon. The next morning a meeting of the "Claim Club" was called, and resolutions passed—peaceful in character—which were published in our regular issue of Wednesday morning. Upon the adjournment of the meeting, the members of the Club present—about eighty in number—proceeded to the ground where the jumpers were at work, to warn them to desist. When within about one hundred yards of the building they were warned to halt, and rifles were immediately leveled upon the crowd by the four men at work on the building. A council was held, after which JOHN C. MOORE, Mayor of the city, advanced to hold a parley with the jumpers. He was peaceably received, and on his return reported that there were in the building some forty guns, heavily charged, and that the parties assured him that they would fight to the death rather than give up.

Matters continued unsettled and dubious throughout the following Wednesday. Excitement was increasing, and the jumpers were arming, and some said fortifying, their position. Thus matters rested in Denver.

In the afternoon of Wednesday, a new excitement was raised in Auraria, brought about immediately by the robbery of a countryman's wagon of a large number of turkies. Petty thieving had become for a month past fearfully prevalent; and a Committee of Investigation was appointed. Excitement ran high, and steadily increased during the evening and early part of the night. The "Bummers," as they call themselves, marshaled all their available forces, and soon after dark began parading the streets with drawn arms. Peaceable citizens were stopped on the streets, with cocked pistols and glittering knives presented to their breasts.

About 9 o'clock, Ex-Sheriff W. H. MIDDAUGH—one of the most important witnesses against the thieves—was fired upon as he stepped from the door of the Vasquez House, the ball grazing his head and penetrating the door, the flash of the pistol almost burning his face—the shot was fired by MCCARTY. A few minutes later MIDDAUGH was again fired upon through the window of the Vasquez House, by HERVEY.

Word was immediately sent to the drill-room of the Jefferson Rangers, who were on drill at the time. They proceeded to the scene of disturbance, and during the night a patrol was kept up to guard against fire, open threats and boasts having been made that the buildings of some men would be in ashes when the sun rose.

The Committee, next day, adopted the following:

Resolved, That MCCARTY, TODD, HARVEY and KARL be given five hours to leave the city, under the penalty of hanging, if found here at the expiration of that time, or ever afterwards.

At last accounts, armed men were patrolling the streets to preserve the peace.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

LEAVENWORTH, K. T., Friday, Feb. 17.

The Pike's Peak express, seven days from Denver City, arrived here at noon to-day, bringing $5,000 in gold.

The claim difficulty mentioned by the last arrival, had been adjusted.

Our Treaty with China.

NOTIFICATION TO AMERICAN RESIDENTS BY MINISTER WARD.

From the Constitution, Feb. 17.

We observe in the recent papers from China the following notice, issued by our Minister to that Empire, Hon. JOHN E. WARD:

Whereas a treaty of amity and commerce between the United States of America and the Ta Tsing Empire was negotiated between the Plenipotentiaries of those nations, and signed by them in the English and Chinese languages, on the 18th day of June, 1858, at Tien-tsin; which treaty has been ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by the Emperor of China; and the said ratifications have been duly exchanged:

Therefore, be it known, that this treaty is now published for the general information and guidance of all whom it may concern; and I hereby call upon all citizens of the United States residing in, or visiting this Empire, to obey its stipulations, and thereby promote the amicable relations now existing between the two nations.

At all the ports open to commerce tonnage duties will be paid on merchant vessels belonging to the United States, according to the provisions of this treaty, on and after the 24th day of November, 1859.

The ports of Chau-chau, or Swatow, in the province of Kwangtung, and Tai-wan on Formosa, in the province of Fuhkien, will be opened to American commerce, and for Americans to reside with their families, on and after the first day of January, 1860.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at the legation of the United States in Shanghai, this [L. S.] eighth day of November, A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-fourth.

JOHN E. WARD,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States.

Attest: W. WALLACE WARD, Secretary of Legation.

It will be seen by this document that there is no difficulty in carrying our treaty with China into full effect. We understand that the Chinese Government manifests the most friendly disposition towards the United States, and evinces a determination faithfully to fulfill its treaty obligations.

The treaty stipulations respecting claims of our citizens is in progress of execution.

Destructive Fire at Tarrytown.

LOSS TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

About 1½ o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered rising from the grocery and dry goods store of WM. EVANS, at the foot of Main-street, in Tarrytown. Only three or four persons were near at the time, but in a few moments there were hundreds, which in a short time increased to thousands. There is no regularly organized fire company in Tarrytown, but everything that could be done under the circumstances, by the citizens, was accomplished. The flames first spread to the dwelling of Mr. EVANS, adjoining the store; from thence to the large dwelling owned by the same gentleman and occupied by Mr. PURDY; it then communicated to the large two-story dwelling occupied by Mr. MANNERLY; thence to a two-story house occupied by several small families. The fire then communicated to a one-story house on the opposite side of the street, and this, together with the sash and blind factory and the large two-story house adjoining, owned by Mr. JACOB STORMS, was presently wrapped in flames. No less than eight buildings were burning at the same time. The loss is variously estimated, but it will probably not exceed $20,000. Mr. EVANS' loss is from twelve to fourteen thousand dollars. There was a partial insurance upon the property. The origin of the fire is unknown.

NOTARIES PUBLIC APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.—The following appointments of Notaries Public have been made by Gov. MORGAN:

Kings—Samuel Godwin, Edward Hope, Samuel Taylor, Robert B. Valentine, William W. Walsh, J. M. Williams.

New-York—Clarence L. Van Zandt, Horatio Underwood, George Terwilliger, Henry H. Henlot, George W. Corning, Charles H. Kitchell, Albon P. Man, Henry E. Howland, Nathaniel B. Hoxie, Benjamin K. Phelps, Stephen Paret, Quentin McAdam, Philip F. Smith, Edgar Ketchum, Frederick R. Lee, James C. Rice, Edwin L. Godkin, William P. Richardson, Nathaniel P. Rogers, George T. Hawe, John Drake, James R. Cuming, Charles A. Davison, Josiah N. Clark, Edward Hoffman, David W. Allen, Constant H. Brown, Joseph Breck, James Bleecker, George Bisbee.

PROGRESS OF THE SHOEMAKERS' STRIKE IN MASSACHUSETTS.—The journeymen shoemakers of Marblehead held a meeting last Saturday evening, at the Town Hall, to consider the subject of the strike. About three hundred were present, and as a feeling seemed to be manifested to unite with the journeymen of other cities, understood to be ready to strike, a Committee was appointed to confer with the leaders of the strike in Lynn. Last evening another meeting was held at Lyceum Hall. It was attended by at least six hundred persons, the hall being full, and, with the exception of a few employers, outsiders and boys, the assembly was composed entirely of journeymen shoemakers. Addresses were made by Messrs. DAY and ALONZO G. DRAPER, and it was resolved to cooperate with the shoemakers of Lynn in striking for higher wages on the 22d inst.—*Boston Traveller, 17th.*

ACCIDENT TO THE MAJOR REYBOLD.—The steamer *Major Reybold*, which left Salem, N. J., on Friday, the 10th inst., for Philadelphia, with forty passengers on board, while crossing the flats, struck the rocks and sunk. The ladies were obliged to take refuge in the pilot-house, where they spent the night. Saturday morning, at 8 o'clock, the debarkation, by means of life-boats, commenced, and at 10 all the passengers were safely on shore.

FROM ALBANY.

RAILROAD BILLS IN THE SENATE.

THE HOUSE ASSERTS ITS PRIVILEGES.

ALBANY, Friday, Feb. 17.

Yesterday in the course of the debate on the *Pro Rata* bill, Mr. MILLIKEN alluded to the reports spread in the lobby by HUGH ALLEN, Secretary of the Clinton League, that Mr. MILLIKEN was the person charged by the Speaker with asking $100,000 to defeat the *Pro Rata* bill. Immediately before the meeting of the House, while Mr. MILLIKEN was sitting in his seat, Mr. ALLEN approached him, and after some conversation repeated the offensive remark. Mr. MILLIKEN immediately denounced him as a scoundrel, when Mr. ALLEN assaulted him, striking him in the face. The parties were finally separated, and Mr. ALLEN was arrested by by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. CALLICOTT offered a resolution to appoint a Committee of seven to investigate the matter, which was adopted.

The Committee have reported in favor of arresting Mr. ALLEN, and placing him at the bar of the House to answer for the assault. The Speaker has issued a warrant for his arrest.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Friday, Feb. 17.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. MANIERRE, to declare Sylvan-place, New-York, a public street.

By Mr. KETCHUM, to amend the railroad law, so as to prevent collisions on roads crossing each other, or used by two companies.

By Mr. MUNROE, for a Railroad from the corner of Broadway and Fifty-ninth-street, down Mercer or Greene-street, and through Broome-street to the Bowery, the charter to be granted to JOHN H. HALE, ROBT. TAYLOR, W. E. DEAN and C. C. NELSON. The bill requires the road to pay a tax of one mill for each passenger to a City Railroad Hospital, and limits the fare to three cents.

The bill to provide means for completing the canals of the State was lost—Ayes, 11; Noes, 14.

The President named Messrs. FIERO, MANIERRE and GRANT the Select Committee on the resolution to examine the affairs of the Excise Commissioners of New-York City.

Adjourned to 7 P. M. on Thursday, 23d inst.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Friday, Feb. 17.

Fifty remonstrances were presented against the Pro Rata bill, and twenty petitions in favor of it.

Several petitions were also presented for a Sanitary law in New-York and Brooklyn.

Mr. CONKLING introduced a bill to incorporate the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents in New-York.

Mr. HUGH ALLEN, Secretary of the Clinton League, being placed at the Bar of the House, pleaded guilty to striking Mr. MILLIKEN, but that the assault was not committed for words spoken in the debate. After the statements had been made by all parties, it appeared that ALLEN had circulated slanders about MILLIKEN, while engaged in lobbying for the *Pro Rata* bill. Mr. MILLIKEN had called him an infamous scoundrel in the course of the debate. This gave rise to a conversation, which ended in an assault. After the withdrawal of ALLEN, Mr. CALLICOT offered resolutions declaring him guilty of a breach of privilege, ordering him to be brought to the Bar, publicly reprimanded, and excluded from the lobby during the session. This elicited a warm debate, Speaker MILLER and Mr. O. ALLEN and others desiring to discharge him at once, on the ground that no breach of privilege had been proven. The debate occupied the House the whole day, until 5 o'clock, and resulted in the adoption of the resolution, declaring ALLEN guilty of a breach of privilege, but, in view of ample apology made by him at the Bar, ordering his discharge from arrest. No other business was done, and the House adjourned till the 23d inst.

From Our Albany Correspondent.

A FIGHT IN THE HOUSE—THE PRO RATA BILL—SHERIFFS' FEES—A NOVEL PETITION—ANOTHER NOT SO NOVEL—ANOTHER CITY RAILROAD—A WEEK'S RECESS—WHAT HAS BEEN DONE—A PLEASANT PROSPECT, &c., &c.

ALBANY, Friday, Feb. 17.

The first fight of the season occurred this morning, on the floor of the Assembly. A legislative mill is entitled to precedence over any other legislative business, is it not? Of course it is. So I give that before the other proceedings.

Yesterday, while talking in opposition to the *Pro Rata* bill, Mr. T. B. MILLIKEN, of Westchester, made personal allusions to Mr. HUGH ALLEN, the Secretary of the Clinton League. This morning ALLEN sought an introduction to MILLIKEN, with a view to making some explanations, and correcting some misstatements that MILLIKEN had inadvertently made.

MILLIKEN, who was in his seat, overheard ALLEN ask a friend to introduce him, and turned towards him, and said "he did not desire to be introduced to a common slanderer." Some other conversation ensued, until MILLIKEN called ALLEN "a scoundrel," when the latter with the flat of his hand slapped the face of "the gentleman from Westchester."

The Sergeant-at-Arms was called to arrest ALLEN, and did so. The Speaker, on being referred to as to the authority of the House, decided that the officer could not hold Mr. ALLEN without the authority of the House, as the affray had occurred when the Assembly was not in session, hence there had been no infraction of the rules.

When the House assembled, a statement was made of the assault, and a Committee of five was appointed to investigate the matter.

It will be recollected that a day or two since Speaker LITTLEJOHN stated that a member of the House had written a letter to a gentleman in New-York (a Wall-street broker) that $100,000 would defeat the *Pro Rata* bill. It was generally understood that the member referred to was Mr. MILLIKEN, and the supposition was that Mr. ALLEN was the gentleman who gave Speaker LITTLEJOHN his information. This state of things was known to Mr. MILLIKEN, and it is probable that in speaking of Mr. ALLEN as "a slanderer" he had reference to these reports.

The Committee acted with such promptness that they presented their report before the close of the House session, and Mr. ALLEN was brought before the Assembly, on a charge of having been guilty of a contempt of that body. The result has not yet been reached. You will have it by telegraph.

The *Pro Rata* bill is to be read a third time (if the Assembly shall ever order it to a third re

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Bill Abolishing the Franking Privilege in the House.

SHALL THE DESKS BE RESTORED?

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 17.

The House presented a scene of great confusion to-day during the squabble over desks *vs.* sofas. Several dozen old desks had been smuggled into the Hall and members were enjoying special luxuries, when Mr. Millson arose to a question of privilege, and moved the ejection of the objectional desks. This motion was followed by a number of resolutions in rapid succession from all parts of the Hall proposing a return to the old order of things, and for a while confusion was confounded. Order being restored, a Committee was appointed to see the old desks removed for the present, but to report on the propriety of removing the sofas, which will be recommended, and the desks brought back.

The impression in the House to-day was that the Senate bill abolishing the franking privilege will be agreed to, many Republicans declaring their purpose to support it, and a majority of the Post-office Committee favor it. Mr. VALLANDIGHAM, who moved the appointment of a Select Committee to whom the bill was referred, is opposed to it. The passage of this bill will result in the whole California mail being sent overland, and in the discontinuance of ocean mail service. The war of Commodores might then as well turn on passenger pay, as mail pay will soon cease.

The Republicans again postponed the election of Printer, believing that a ballot to-day would have resulted in their defeat. It is understood that MITCHEL, of the St. Louis *News* will be run by them on Monday, with chances in his favor, as Mr. ADAMS will support him.

The Telegraph bill reported yesterday by Senator GWIN directs the Postmaster-General to contract with the Placerville, Humbolt and Salt Lake Telegraph Company for Government messages between Washington and San Francisco for ten years, at an annual rate compensation not exceeding $50,000.

It is understood that the American Secretary in Peru, with several other parties, are here prosecuting the claims against in which they have direct interest. The character of these claims will be ventilated as soon as some additional facts are procured. The country is interested in knowing whose these claimants are, and the character of claims presented before the Government here.

Since the publication in the TIMES of the Mexican Treaty, Senators are free in expressing their opinions and views. Several Republicans have declared their purpose to support the treaty if satisfied of the character of the Liberal Government. That is the only point of difficulty. Mr. MCLANE is actively engaged in giving the information desired. There seems to be little doubt of the early ratification of the treaty.

Three U. S. Marines and an Irishman were arrested and committed, to-day, for a diabolical outrage on a helpless German woman, who arrived here last evening on the northern train.

It is rumored that President BUCHANAN has at last become soured towards the *Herald*, since its editorial pronouncing Mr. BUCHANAN no candidate for the Charleston nomination, and narrowing the race down between PIERCE and DOUGLAS, the last two he would be willing to see his successor. On reading the editorial alluded to, he is reported as saying to a friend, "Well, BENNETT has turned fool at last."

It is understood that the Senate's caucus Committee will fail to make a platform for the Charleston Convention, but that the Cincinnati Platform will be adopted without the slightest variation.

Gen. SCOTT telegraphs that he will be unable to attend the inauguration of the Washington Statue.

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From the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 17.

The vote to-day on the motion to table the Senate's bill to abolish the franking privilege, does not afford a fair indication of the sense of the House on the subject, as some of the members who recorded their names in the negative would have voted directly against the bill had the question on its passage been presented. Although Mr. COLFAX, the Chairman, and a majority of the Post-office Committee are understood to be in favor of abolishing the franking privilege, they are said to be against interfering with the present law in regard to the circulation of newspapers.

The House by 31 majority refused to give the bill that direction, and referred it to a Special Committee, which was moved by a gentleman who has publicly expressed his opposition to the proposed measure.

In order to show that Kansas has the requisite population under the law of Congress to enable her to seek admission as a State into the Union, Judge ARNY has sent for certified copies of the registry and census taken last year, and for copies of the various election returns of last year. They have not been forwarded by the Secretary of the Treasury to the State Department here. From certified copies of the returns which Judge ARNY has obtained from the clerks of some of the countries in Kansas, he concurs with Judge PETTIT and others in the opinion that there are over one hundred thousand inhabitants within the boundaries prescribed for Kansas in the Wyandot Constitution. In Allen County, which is on the New-York Indian Reserve, there are over 2,000 persons, and in Linn County which includes the Miami Reserve, there are over 1,300 registered voters. These are two of the extreme southern counties, and owing to the troubles growing out of the claims of the Indians to the land, Judge ARNY says their settlement has been retarded.

The Army Medical Board, which recently convened here, have reported favorably on the respective ambulances of Surgeons FINLEY, COOLIDGE and TRIPLER. Several of each kind are to be placed in the service, so that their practical advantages may be ascertained. The Board also made important changes in the standard supply table for general and post hospitals, &c.

Among the recent confirmations by the Senate are: WM. R. PARRISH, as District-Attorney for Southern Illinois, and JOHN H. LEWIS, United States Marshal for Wisconsin.

The receipts into the Treasury last week were $2,000,000. The payments made amounted to $400,000. The balance subject to draft is $9,000,000.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 17.

The Senate is not in session to-day.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 17.

Mr. FOUKE, of Illinois, (Dem.,) introduced a bill to incorporate the United States Agricultural Society. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. MILES, of Louisiana, (Dem.,) rose to a question of privilege, saying that the House at the last session had positively ordered the chairs and desks then in use to be removed from the Hall, but notwithstanding this he noticed to-day that in contemptuous disregard of the order, the floor has been blocked up with the reintroduction of the same chairs and desks. The Doorkeeper had no right to bring them in. He called on the Speaker to enforce the rule. This blending of both systems had the advantages of neither and the disadvantages of both.

Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, (Am.,) asked whether Mr. MILES was willing that the sense of the majority should be expressed without objections?

Mr. MILES was perfectly willing.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Illinois, (Rep.,) as one of the squatter sovereignty, said he was responsible for bringing in the seat and desk he now occupied.

Messrs. RUST, CONKLING and MCCLERNAND made a similar declaration as to their seats and desks. They, as did also Mr. HARRIS, of Maryland, explained that no one should rest on the Doorkeeper; and, assigned as reasons for reintroducing their desks and chairs, that there were not accommodations for one-tenth of the House at the large tables outside the bar.

Mr. MILES was happy to exonerate the doorkeeper from blame. He was sorry that any gentleman had undertaken indirectly to put aside a standing rule of the House. He thought, however, that the doorkeeper ought to have firmly resisted the importunity of members.

A debate followed on points of order, much confusion prevailing.

Finally a special committee of three was ordered to inquire into the expediency of removing the benches and replacing the chairs and desks, and to report the cost, and the time the change will occupy.

Mr. KEITT, of South Carolina, (Dem.,) from the Joint Committee to make arrangements for inaugurating MILLS' equestrian statue of WASHINGTON, reported a joint resolution appropriating $10,000 to defray the expenses. Passed.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, (Rep.,) moved the election of Printer be further postponed until Monday. Agreed to—90 against 82.

The House passed the Senate resolution giving the consent of Congress to Capt. SHUBRICK to accept the sword tendered him from President URQUIZA, of the Argentine Confederation, as a mark of his appreciation of the distinguished character of that officer.

The Senate's bill to abolish the franking privilege was read.

Mr. VALLANDIGHAM, of Ohio, (Dem.,) moved to refer it to a Special Committee, that the House may have all the facts.

Mr. STEVENSON, of Kentucky, (Dem.,) preferred that the bill be put on its passage now, but he would have no objection to its taking the usual course and being referred to the Post-office Committee.

Mr. HOUSTON, of Alabama, (Dem.) said the bill involved no new principle. He desired to keep it in a position where a vote could be had on it. [He moved that its consideration be postponed three weeks from Tuesday.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Illinois, (Rep.) moved to refer it to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. REYNOLDS, of New-York, (Anti-Lecompton Dem.,) moved to lay it on the table. The motion was negatived by 72 against 99.

The House refused to refer the bill to the Judiciary Committee.

A parliamentary struggle ensued as to what disposition should be made of the bill.

The House refused, by thirty-one majority, to refer it to the Post-office Committee.

It was then referred to a Select Committee of five, and the House adjourned till Monday.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Quarterly Report of the General Superintendent—Application for a House for the Detention of Witnesses.

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Police was held yesterday afternoon, all the members being present except Mayor WOOD, whose place was filled by the Acting-Mayor, Alderman PECK.

Mr. BAILEY offered a resolution inquiring whether the Clerk of the Board could not reduce the number or expenses of his subordinates, and requesting him to investigate the matter. Also, another resolution as to whether there could not be a diminution in the number of policemen detailed at the Courts. Both of these were passed.

A resolution of Mr. STILLMAN'S, that an application be made to the Board of Supervisors to appropriate money for the erection of a building for the detention of witnesses, was also passed.

Six members of the old force were reinstated, and the resignations accepted of D. E. Carpenter, of the Seventeenth Precinct, and W. D. Parker, of the Twenty-third.

General Superintendent PILSBURY presented his report of the condition and operations of the Metropolitan Police Force, for the quarter ending Jan. 31, 1860, of which we give the following digest:

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Police force numbers, at present, 1,802 persons, of whom 247 are employed in Brooklyn, and 1,555 in New-York.

From the statistics in regard to the force, we learn that there are:

On the sick list an average of	44
Detailed to courts, steamboat landings	89
Detailed to Medical Staff	5
Attached to Precincts where there is no regular night patrol duty	93
Average employed on special duty	20
Reliable duty and night patrol force	1,107
Total	1,358

During the quarter the force has lost altogether 5,059 days by sickness.

ARRESTS, OFFENCES, AND CHARACTERS OF THE DELINQUENTS.

The number of arrests has been 16,842, of which 13,865 were in New-York, and 2,977 in Brooklyn. For burglary, 353 arrests have been made; 353 for grand larceny; 1,222 for petty larceny; 9,187 for intoxication and disorderly conduct; 2,118 for assault and battery, and 1,105 for vagrancy. A very large proportion of the offences could be traced directly to the use of spirituous liquors, and it is noticeable that the arrests were more numerous on Tuesdays than on Sundays when the liquor shops were closed. The persons arrested are thus classified:

Males	12,200
Females	4,642
Total	16,842
Could read and write	11,574
Could not read or write	4,768
Could read, but not write	277
No report made	223
Natives of the United States	3,249
Persons of foreign birth	13,351
Nativity unknown	242
Whites	16,577
Colored persons	265
Married	8,301
Single	8,168
No report made	263

The statistics show a decrease in the number of arrests as compared with the report immediately preceding, which fact seems to show that crime decreases in the Winter. It is added that this may be attributed to the migration of many professional thieves to the South. Of arrests for burglary and other crimes, whose suppression requires efficient patrolling, there was an increase during the last quarter.

INCIDENTAL SERVICES.

The losses reported in the Metropolitan District from robberies amounted to $61,709 62, and the total amount recovered by the Police was $35,567 37, leaving an aggregate loss of $26,142 25. The proportionate recoveries were larger in New-York than in Brooklyn. In these estimates, $7,270 recovered by the Detective Police for parties out of the District is not included.

During the quarter, 24,232 destitute persons were furnished with lodgings in the Police Stations; 21 lost children were sent to the Almshouse, and 1,019 restored to their parents; 277 sick or disabled persons were cared for and taken to their homes or the Hospital; 186 lost horses and 119 horses and vehicles were restored to their owners; 593 stores and dwellings found open were secured; 3 fires were extinguished by the Police alone, and at 146 other fires the Police aided the Fire Department; 31 persons were rescued from drowning; the Coroner was notified of 30 persons found dead; 21 abandoned infants were cared for; and $25,051 70 taken from lodgers and prisoners for safe keeping was restored to them; in addition to 756 arrests for violations of Corporation ordinances, there were 4,290 complaints made to the Corporation Attorneys for other violations of Corporation ordinances. Of these complaints, 3,489 were made in New-York and 801 in Brooklyn.

REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Under this head, Gen. PILSBURY states that experience confirms his opinion, that the chief executive officer of this department should be invested with commensurate powers. This he argues somewhat at length. He first refers to the law establishing the Metropolitan Police, which provides that the General Superintendent "shall take the place of the Mayors of the City of New-York and the City of Brooklyn, as the Head of the Police Department or force," &c. This, he adds, does not diminish his responsibility to the Board of Commissioners. Among the powers, which, in his judgment, should be lodged exclusively with the General Superintendent, subject to the confirmation or rejection of the Board, is that of detailing, transferring and assigning members of the force to such spheres of duty as he may deem them peculiarly qualified for. It is but reasonable that he should be allowed to select his agents, since he is held accountable for their acts. He should also be enabled to encourage fidelity and zeal in the service by possessing the right to stimulate and reward them. No other mode of enforcing that thorough discipline which is so essential to the good order of the Department is so effectual as by making all the members of the force amenable to a single head. While this subordination to their commanding officer will impress upon them the imperative necessity of obedience to his orders, their right of appeal to the Board will protect them against any arbitrary abuse of power on his part. Respectfully,

AMOS PILSBURY
General Superintendent.

Police Reports.

A LADY IN CONTEST WITH A BURGLAR.

On Wednesday afternoon while the family of A. S. Solomons, Esq., residing at No. 157 Lexington-avenue, were at tea, a burglar obtained access to the house by means of a latch-key, and proceeding to the third story packed up a number of silk dresses and a set of furs worth $500, then breaking open a desk secured $500 in coin and notes that it contained. With this booty he was about to make off when his progress was arrested at the head of the first flight of stairs by the lady of the mansion, who demanded to know his business and what were the contents of the bundle that he had. The burglar, a stout negro, attempted to pass Mrs. Solomons, but she seized the bundle and struggled for its possession. The negro thereupon struck her several violent blows on the head and face, knocking her down. The noise, meantime, attracted the attention of the gentlemen of the family, at whose approach the burglar fled; escaping, however, with only about $25 of the money, the furs, dresses and remainder of the cash, having been scattered by the fugitive all the way from the place where the scuffle occurred to the front door. Mrs. S. was rendered nearly insensible by the blows which the ruffian dealt her; but by the courage which she displayed over $1,000 worth of property was saved from the thief.

SUPPOSED BURGLARS.

On the night of the 18th of January last a burglary was committed upon the premises of James B. Devoe, No. 1,139 Broadway, when the money drawer was rifled of its contents, and $600 worth of cutlery was carried off. Portions of the stolen goods were discovered a day or two since upon the premises of John Mallon, No. 507½ Eight-avenue, and John W. Bennett, No. 333 Eighth-avenue, and they, together with another supposed accomplice, named Edward Lowry, of No. 434 Third-avenue, were arrested yesterday and taken before Justice KELLY, who held them to answer in $1,000 each.

A FEMALE PICKPOCKET.

Kate Malloy, aged 22, said to be an old offender, was arrested yesterday, by Officer Herries, of the Fifth, for picking the pocket of Mrs. Francis Martine, of No. 394 Canal-street, of a purse containing $22. The money was found in Kate's possession, and she was taken before Justice CONNOLLY, who committed her to the Tombs to answer.

A DISORDERLY HOUSEKEEPER.

Mrs. Eveline Bennett was arrested, yesterday, for keeping a disorderly house, at No. 223 Wooster-street. Thomas J. Stowell, of Brooklyn, ascertained the character of the house from having been robbed therein of $150, which induced him to make the complaint. Mrs. Bennett was held to bail.

Coroners' Inquests.

ACCIDENT ON THE HARLEM RAILROAD—THE COMPANY CHARGED WITH GROSS NEGLECT.

On the 13th inst., DENIS TUBRIDY, an aged shoemaker, residing in Yorkville, fell over a stone wall on the west side of the track of the Harlem Railroad Company, between Eighty-sixth and Eighty-seventh streets, and the next morning was found dead, his body lying across the track. Coroner GAMBLE held an inquest, but the jury were unable to determine whether the deceased was killed by the fall or from having been run over by a passing train. The following verdict was given: "That the said DENIS TUBRIDY met with his death by falling over the stone wall on the west side of the Fourth-avenue, between Eighty-sixth and Eighty-seventh streets, upon the railroad track of the New-York and Harlem Railroad Co., on the evening of Monday, the 13th inst., between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock; we further find that the wall which had been until within eight or ten days sufficiently high to prevent persons falling over upon the railroad track, not having been raised sufficiently high by the Railroad Company, was the immediate cause of the accident which befell the deceased, but whether the deceased was killed by the fall over the wall into the cut, or was killed by the train running over him, the jury are unable to determine. We further find that the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company have been guilty of gross neglect and culpable indifference in not building the wall on the west side of said avenue, after they had pulled the old wall down, of sufficient height as before, which would have, in the judgment of the Jury, prevented this sad accident, and that if the Company or its servants had performed their duty the same accident would not have occurred. We further find, and hereby certify that the condition of the walls between Seventy-ninth and Ninety-second streets have been for a long time, and now are, in a highly dangerous condition, including the bridges; and respectfully but earnestly suggest that the same be laid before the Grand Inquest of the County of New-York for indictment, or such other action as may suggest itself to that honorable body."

FATAL FALL FROM A WAGON.

Coroner JACKMAN yesterday held an inquest upon the body of JOHN CUTLER, a native of New-Jersey, 35 years of age, who died from injuries received in falling from a wagon, about ten days ago, at the corner of Hester street and the Bowery. The wheel of the wagon caught in the railroad track, and threw Mr. CUTLER to the ground, causing injuries from which he died yesterday afternoon. Verdict, "Accidental Death."

Later from the River Plate.

THE INDIAN WAR—AN AMERICAN SEAMAN MURDERED—THREATENED RUPTURE WITH BRAZIL—THE ARGENTINE PRESIDENCY.

Our advices from Buenos Ayres reach to Dec. 23.

The Indian marauders had been attacked on the 5th of December by Col. MACHADO, as they were driving off their booty. The Argentine troops cut them to pieces in detail, killing 115, among whom were the Cacique and two Capitanejos, and rescuing from twenty-five to thirty thousand head of horned cattle, a considerable number of mares, and one captive who had been the wife of the Cacique. The Indians are believed to have numbered 400, many of whom escaped.

According to the *Nacional* the steamers *Pampero*, *Pintos*, and *Hercules*, and the brig *Rio de Oro*, of the national squadron, will remain in commission as vessels of war. The *Salto* will be returned to her owners, and the *Menay* has been sold for 1,000 ounces, and will run between Corrientes and Buenos Ayres and Montevideo. The bark and two brigs are on sale.

The subscription raised by the *Comercio del Plata* in favor of the wounded in the *Outram* catastrophe, amounted to $1,450.

A correspondent of the *Express* writes: "On the 16th inst., TIMOTHY REARDON, a seaman attached to the United States steamer *Pulaski*, was shot dead on the deck of the vessel, by a native who had intruded himself on board, and refused to leave when requested to do so by the officers. The American Consul, Mr. HUDSON, has the murderer safe in prison, and as such criminals are sure to be shot first and hanged in chains afterwards, when they are convicted, poor REARDON stands a reasonable chance of being avenged. He was a good man, had been long in the service, and leaves a mother in Ireland to lament his untimely end.

The *Pulaski* is shortly to proceed to Montevideo to take in her new boiler. The *Argentina*, Capt. PAGE'S principal surveying steamer, is still here—out of order, of course, as the vessels of this expedition always have been ever since its first arrival in these waters seven years ago. A new boiler has arrived out for the *Argentina* also, and she will soon be put in complete repair. Capt. PAGE, in the *Alpha*—a small, very small, steamer—has gone up the Bermejo River, the current of which is probably the strongest of any navigable stream on the continent. If he succeeds in steaming it, he will do more than his best friends expect him to.

Things look just now as if we were about to have a squall between the President of the Argentine Confederation and Brazil. We do not know the rights of the difficulty down here; but it is said to have something to do with money, boundary questions, &c. Report has it that the Brazilian Minister has been withdrawn from Parana, and that the Emperor is concentrating a large land and naval force in disagreeable proximity to the Argentine frontier.

It is understood that Sr. DERQUI, who has often acted as Delegate President during URQUIZA'S term of office, has received the largest number of votes in the Electoral College, and will be inaugurated President of the Confederation on the 5th of March next.

LAW REPORTS.

THE FULTON BANK DEFALCATION.

Court of Oyer and Terminer—Third Day of the Trial of W. J. Lane, Jr., for alleged fraud on the Fulton Bank—His Confession—John McCue, Indicted for the Murder of Samuel Reeves, Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree.

The Court-room was not so crowded yesterday, as on the previous days of this trial; but the interest of those present seemed to be unabated.

Thomas Monahan, examined by the Assistant Counsel for the prosecution: I am President of the Fulton Bank in this City; have been so about a month and a half; prior to that I was a Director; the signature of the note you show me is that of W. J. Lane; it was discounted by our bank; the State Bank of New-York collected it for us, through the Mechanics Bank of Newark, transferred to them by the Newark Banking Company; I have examined the Foreign Register of the Fulton Bank; I know of no entries of notes collected to the credit of W. J. Lane, other than those in the name of A. B. Dean; a certain number of discounted bills had not been credited; of the paper you show me, a portion is in the handwriting of the prisoner, and a part in mine; (witness pointed out which was the prisoner's, and which was his own; Mr. Brady objected to the reading of the paper as irrelevant; the Court, for the present, sustained the objection;) the prisoner made out the paper and delivered it to me.

Cross-examined by Mr. Holmes: When the defendant delivered the paper to me, several Directors of the bank were present; Mr. Kernigan, the President, was not present at that time; it was on the 21st September; I know that Mr. Grant, a Director, was present; I may be mistaken as to the others; I have seen two Bank Detectives, named Hays and King; Mr. King was at the bank that day; he was not in the room; the defendant had been in the custody of Mr. King; he had been taken on a warrant issued by Justice Osborn, on complaint of Mr. Kernigan, as President of the bank, on the charge of forgery; the conversation between me and the defendant took place in the morning; he was arrested the day previous, on the 20th; I do not know where he was the night previous; I do not know how he came to be brought to the bank, unless to make certain statements, by Mr. Grant's direction; the direction was given to Detective King the night before; he had not then been before the magistrate; I heard all the conversation that took place between defendant and the Directors on that day; I had an interview with him between the time of his arrest on the 20th, and the morning of the 21st, in the Directors' room; it was on the 20th, after the arrest; Mr. Grant, Mr. Field, Mr. Willis, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Adams, Mr. Kernigan were present; I heard the conversation that took place between them and the defendant; questions were propounded to him, at that time, tending to elicit any matter in connection with his affairs at the bank; they were asked by myself, Mr. Grant, Mr. Adams and Mr. Kernigan; at that time Mr. King, the Detective, was not in the room; he might have been outside the door; there was no one in the bank that afternoon who placed defendant in the custody of Mr. King; I should say that defendant was under an informal arrest at that time; I considered he was placed in the custody of Mr. King on the evening of Sept. 20, about 6 o'clock; he had not been in custody before; on the morning of the 21st, at the interview in the Directors' room, there was something said by me to defendant on the morning of the 21st to induce him to make disclosures; I heard no one say that we had an officer in waiting to take him to prison unless he (the prisoner) should disclose certain matters connected with the affairs of the Bank, and the prisoner replied "Suppose I should make these disclosures?" and Mr. Grant replied, "Then the disgrace may be avoided," or language similar to that; I heard no such conversation; I did not hear Mr. Willis say on the morning of the 20th that the only chance he had to save himself was by making a full confession, or language like that; there was no such language used; Mr. Willis was excited, and said to defendant, "You rascal, you should go to the State Prison;" I do not remember all the conversation; he repeated what I have just said several times, at intervals; no inducements whatever in any form or shape were made by Mr. Willis to the defendant; there were no promises made in my hearing to the defendant to induce him to make disclosures; I said something to induce him to disclose; it was on the morning of the 20th; I read off several entries on the Foreign Register, and said "William, these are all fictitious entries—they are forgeries; I have suspected this account (alluding to the entries I had been reading) to be a fictitious account since July last; I have been tracking it up since that time to the present;" that was my inducement; there was nothing else said, by way of inducement, that I know of; I was with Mr. Kernigan when he made a complaint at Police Office; it was made about noon on the 20th; it was after the first conversation with the defendant; defendant was at the time at the Fulton Bank, in nobody's charge; he was free to go where he pleased at that time; nobody had charge of him; he was left in the Directors' room, but he was not in charge; I do not know that he had been informed that we were going to make a complaint at the Police Office against him; by an "informal arrest" I mean that Justice Osborn told us (myself and Mr. Kernigan) that he would send an officer to the Bank directly; I do not know that authority to Mr. Hays, the Bank Detective, to arrest him, in case he should attempt to leave the Bank; defendant was not formally discharged from his duties at the Bank; he was notified of our suspicions against him on the morning of the 20th in the Directors' room.

At the attempt of the counsel to put in the confession of the defendant to the Directors of the Bank as evidence, some debate occurred.

Mr. Holmes remarked that the defendant's counsel supposed that sufficient had been shown in the conversation between the Directors and the defendant to prove that menace had been made to Lane to induce him to make the disclosures.

Ex-Recorder Tallmadge submitted that the statute prescribed that whenever a person is arrested for felony, he shall be immediately brought before a magistrate, and the magistrate shall first caution him that he is not bound to say anything to criminate himself. Could it be then, that a private individual could, without this caution, interrogate the accused, and then attempt to give it in evidence? Mr. Tallmadge read from Wharton, in affirmation of his argument, that a confession cannot be used in evidence when it is made under pain, hope, fear or menace.

Mr. O'Conor contended for the admissibility of the defendant's confession, and cited the case of James Rodgers, in which the confession of the prisoner to a policeman, who held him in custody, that he killed the man with a pocket knife, while drunk, was received. Objection was made in that case, and it was taken to the Court Appeals, which confirmed the ruling of the Court below.

Mr. Brady, for defence, asked, was the confession voluntary?

The Judge said that the law was well settled that the confession of a prisoner, when under arrest, might be received, if given voluntarily, and here it did not appear that any inducement was held out. There was sufficient in the circumstances of the case to warrant the exclusion of the confession made after the arrest; but any confession made before the arrest might be placed in evidence. The prosecution reserved the evidence of this confession until after the examination of other witnesses, when they would recall Mr. Monahan.

Adolphus W. Waldron, for the prosecution, deposed that he was one of the firm of Waldron, Illsley & Co. till the end of 1859; (note No. 9 produced,) this was made by our firm: I know of no other note for that amount—$618 75—but this; we never made such a note to Mr. A. B. Dean; I know of no such person.

Samuel S. Sergeant, clerk to the firm of Waldron, Illsley & Co., was next examined, and corroborated the last witness.

Charles G. Rockwood examined: Is cashier of the Newark Banking Company; the note (No. 9) was received by us from the Fulton Bank; does not know A. B. Dean, except as he had heard the name in connection with this trial.

Thomas Monahan, recalled and examined by Mr. O'Conor: Before the first complaint was made before Judge Osborn, I had an interview with the defendant in the directors'-room in the bank; I never knew such a person as A. B. Dean; I have no knowledge of the existence of such a person; before the defendant was arrested I inquired respecting the existence of such a person as A. B. Dean; Mr. Willis informed me that he was a myth; the defendant, W. J. Lane, Jr., told me that the entries in the Foreign Register were false and fictitious, designed to create a credit for himself or his father; he stated he held back from entering up bills discounted to a corresponding amount of such entries under the head of A. B. Dean; when circumstances forced him to credit bills discounted, with bills or notes which had actually been collected by banks in other places, he would so credit bills discounted, dropping or omitting to credit the bills discounted, which had become due in the meantime, and in this way these entries would be found running in the books for some years past; I asked him if he had ever meddled with other securities of the bank; he said he had made entries on the registers; I asked him the amount of these entries; he said he could not tell exactly; it might be $57,000, $58,000 or $60,000; he did not think it would exceed $60,000; he was almost sure it would not; I asked him if he had any means of knowing what the amount was; he said he had, to near the amount, if he had certain papers, which were then at his house, and in a trunk, in Fourth-avenue; he said those papers could be had by sending for them; he gave directions where they were; they were obtained in the afternoon of that day; I did not see them until the next morning; there was an attempt made by defendant to give particulars without the papers; he said he got the money by making false entries on the register, making out tickets, obtaining the money on these tickets, or else by making such tickets as passed the amount received by his father, from whom he would receive checks for the amount, the money sometimes remaining in his father's hands uncalled for for some time.

Re-cross-examined by Mr. Brady—The elder Mr. Lane ceased to be cashier on Nov. 9, 1859; until the morning of Sept. 20, the relations between myself and defendant were friendly; the first person who stated to defendant that he was suspected was Mr. Kernigan; up to the time of his arrest he attended at the bank; I cannot define his duties except that he was clerk to his father, who was cashier; the keeping of these registries was one of his duties; all the defendant's confession about the Dean transaction was finished before Mr. Willis called him a rascal, and said he should go to the State prison; my remark that I had tracked the suspected register from July, was made before he made his declarations; before that confession, an accusation had been made against him; Mr. Kernigan accused him of taking this money; defendant replied he had not taken it; Mr. Kernigan said, "Do you mean to say that this money is remaining in the Foreign banks to our credit?" defendant replied, "Yes, I do;" another director remarked that it would be easy to telegraph to the bank and ascertain; Mr. Kernigan said the balance might be in those banks, but he did not believe it; he left the room to telegraph; an answer was received; I did not see it; in presence of Mr. Grant and myself, defendant said: "I am a rascal; I did take the money in the way you say I took it." The cross-examination of this witness was continued for some time further, but little of importance was elicited, beyond a restatement of the evidence on his previous cross-examination.

The prosecution here rested, and the Court adjourned till this morning.

Previous to the resumption of the Lane trial, John McCue, charged with the murder of Samuel Reeves, in front of the Model Artist establishment, on the day of the Firemen's procession, in October last, pleaded guilty, with consent of the District-Attorney, and was remanded for sentence.

Norwalk Bank Case.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S COURT—BEFORE K. G. WHITE.

The case was resumed yesterday. Francis J. Beyer testified that he knew Williams; that he worked for him at his oyster saloon No. 74 William-street; he paid him $9 the first week, and afterwards he agreed to stop four weeks at $6 per week. Three or four weeks ago witness advertised for a partner, and defendant offered to buy him out, and after a week or so, defendant paid him a check on the Citizens' Bank for $460 payable to "John" or bearer and signed "James Simpson;" the date of the check was not remembered; the book-keeper got it certified; it was in part payment on the place; he made no other payment, and as they could not agree witness returned him the check, and they had no other business transactions.

George H. Graff testified that he had some business transactions with the defendant, about a saloon, sometime in January; he offered witness $600 for the place, which offer was accepted, and a certified check was to have been given in part payment; witness did not see the check; he made no payment and the sale was not consummated.

Thomas Gaffney, of No. 266 West Thirty-third-street, a real estate agent, has known defendant about fourteen months; he assisted witness a little while in his office; Ex. C. produced and identified by witness as signed by himself; Williams wrote the paper; he saw him write it; and defendant also signed it.

[This is the paper which defendant told the policeman was written by Gaffney.]

The whole testimony was objected to, but the objections were overruled.

Defendant kept witness' books of auction; one book is lost. Two pages of the book were produced, and identified as his handwriting.

On the cross-examination, witness stated that he was subpœaned by Mr. Holbrook, and requested to bring the books and papers to prove the handwriting of defendant.

[All that part of testimony relating to the proof of handwriting by comparison was ruled out.]

Wm. H. Oakley, Teller of the Citizens' Bank, recalled: His knowledge of defendant's hand-writing was by a comparison with the signature in the bank-book and that on the checks; had compared the two until he thought himself familiar with the hand-writing; a majority of the checks were presented by defendant; he identified two as paid to him personally, viz., that dated January, $1,300, and that dated Feb. 4, $60.

Cross-examined—Has been a Bank Teller six or seven years; no one in particular has charge of the signature-book; it is open to all in the Bank. When an account is opened, the Cashier or President procures the signature of the applicant; did not see him write the checks, and never saw him write; defendant's admission that he was James Simpson enabled witness to recognize the writing by comparison.

The name "Williams," in Adams' Express book, was written by the same person, but in a disguised hand, or an attempt to disguise; there is a similarity also with Ex. B. as to the signature; there was a similarity of style; would not like to say they were the same handwriting; one can imitate a handwriting by practice. The signatures on three checks on Bowery Savings Bank marked T. K. L., are, without doubt, written by the same person who wrote the checks on our Bank and our book. The W's in the various signatures are evidently in a disguised hand.

A long cross-examination as had upon the similarity of the hand-writing on the various exhibits, but nothing new was elicited. The case was here adjourned to Monday, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The New-York Common Council Disenthralled.

Samuel B. Althause et al. vs. The Mayor, &c.—This was the injunction some time since issued to the Common Council, restraining that body from making certain railroad grants, authorizing companies to lay tracks through different portions of the City.

The plaintiffs, or relators, were property holders on the streets through which the proposed Yonkers track was to pass, and prayed for an injunction to prevent such a consummation. The argument on the return of the injunction order has been postponed from time to time, for a number or weeks. At last the plaintiffs conclude not to proceed further with the action, and have now obtained leave to discontinue.

Meanwhile, just as the Common Council of New-York had obtained freedom from injuction bonds, the Common Council of Brooklyn has been enjoined not to grant a franchise to the New-York and Flushing Railroad to run a track through Grand-street in Williamsburgh, and other streets of the city. The order is returnable in Brooklyn on Monday, the 27th inst.

The Harmony Insurance Company Case.

Haywood vs. The Harmony Insurance Company.—This was an action upon two policies alleged to have been issued upon the india-rubber factory of the plaintiff, in Rhode Island, and was tried in the Superior Court before Justice MONCRIEF.

The particulars were given in the TIMES of Feb. 15, at which time the case was on trial.

After the evidence was in, and argument heard, the Court gave judgment for plaintiff upon one of the policies for $2,500, with interest, and for the defendants on the other.

Luther R. Marsh and O. W. Sturtevant for plaintiff.
T. J. Glover and E. W. Stoughton for defendants.

Decisions.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

SUTHERLAND, J.—*Morris vs. Morris.*—Report of Referee confirmed and judgment of divorce granted.

BONNEY, J.—*Charlick vs. Flushing Railroad Company and others.*—Motion denied with $10 costs to respondents, Williams & Smart.

Edgerton vs. Peake.—Motion denied, with $10 costs to plaintiff.

LEONARD, J.—*Wilson vs. Wilson.*—Defendant to pay the plaintiff $3 per week till the further order of the Court, and $50 to enable her to defend.

Tartman vs. Linke, et al.—Motion denied.

Hicks vs. Brennan and others.—I think the witness was entitled to fees in each case if he actually attended in each case. No costs of motion to either party.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

BOSWORTH, J.—*The N. Y. Protestant Episcopal Public School vs. Thomas Hope.*—Judgment for defendant, dismissing the complaint with costs. Papers, &c., with Special Term Clerk.

MOVEMENT TO SAVE THE LIFE OF STEVENS.—The Boston *Atlas and Bee* understands that Mr. SUMNER is to appear before the Legislative Committee at Richmond in behalf of STEVENS, with a view of obtaining a pardon. Mr. SUMNER goes upon the invitation of Gov. LETCHER, with the promise that the subject shall receive his most careful attention.

The following is the form, &c., of a petition which is in circulation in Boston and vicinity, with a request that the lists of signatures which may be obtained shall be forwarded to Mrs. REBECCA SPRING, Eagleswood, N. J., on or before Saturday, the 18th inst.:

"The undersigned earnestly and respectfully pray the Governor and Legislature of the State of Virginia kindly to consider the case of the young man, AARON D. STEPHENS, and to spare his life."

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....FEB. 17.

$3,000	Tenn. 6s, '90....	87¾	50	N. Y. Cen tral..	s10 71¾
5,000	Mo. State 6s..b3	80	100	do.....	b15 71¾
5,000	do.....b30	80	250	do.....	s3 71¾
5,000	do.....b60	80	100	do.....	b7 71¾
3,000	B'lyn C. W. L..	90½	100	Reading Railroad..	39¾
500	N. Y. Cen. 6s...	92	100	do.....	39¾
1,000	N. Y. Cen. B.'76.	100	1150	do.....	40
5,000	E. R. 4th M. Bs..	50	100	do.....s60	39¾
1,000	E. R. Con. bs. '71	30	900	do.....s60	40
1,000	N. J. Cen. 1st m. b.	100	100	do.....s0	¾
7	Continental Bank.	97½	150	Mich. Central R...	38
35	Artizans' Bank...	80	100	Mich. S. & N. I. G. R.	14½
43	Bank of New-York.	101	100	do.....s60	14½
20	Williams'gh G. Co.	100	250	Panama R.....b10	134
50	Del. & H. C. Co....	93½	1080	do.....	134
5	Hudson River R...	40¾	100	do.....s5	134
500	do.....c	41	50	do.....s10	134
200	Harlem Railroad..	9¾	100	do.....b10	134
20	Cleve., P. & A. R..	112	50	do.....	134½

Meal has been plenty and depressed. Wheat has been quiet throughout the week. The demand has been moderate at prices which have been unsatisfactory to most holders; there have manifested more confidence, and have refused to accept the rates current a week or ten days ago, especially for Milwaukee Club and Chicago Spring. The transactions have been, consequently, limited. Millers have been the principal buyers. Shippers purchased only one or two lots. The total sales of Wheat during the week have been 40,000 bushels. Corn has been plenty, and in limited demand. Prices have declined. Yesterday, the amount offering was less extensive, and holders were less eager to sell. Rye has been dull and heavy during the week. Barley has been moderately inquired for, at about previous quotations. Oats have attracted more attention, and have advanced."

HAY—Sales 600 bales North River at former rates.

LATHS—Were plenty and in limited request, as buyers were not disposed to pay the asking price, which was nominally $1 65 for Eastern ₱ thousand.

METALS—Have been in stock demand at former quotations.

MOLASSES—We have heard of sales of 250 bbls. New-Orleans at 46s.@49c. ₱ gallon. Estimated stock on hand to-day, 2,000 hhds. and 12,550 bbls. Included in the hhds. were 570 Cuba Muscavado, 1,360 Clayed Cuba, and 100 Porto Rico.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been purchased to the extent of 2,600 bbls., in lots, for immediate and future delivery, chiefly at $18 37½@$18 50 for new Mess, here; $18 75 for do., deliverable, at the option of the buyer, in March; $14 75@$15 25 for new Western and City Prime; $17 50 for old Mess; $12 50 for old Prime, and $17 50@$17 56¼ for thin Mess, ₱ bbl. Cut Meats are in request including Hams at 9¾c.@10c., and Shoulders at 6¾c.@7¾c ₱ lb. Bacon is inquired for chiefly at from 8¾c.@10¼c. ₱ lb. Lard is salable and steady; sales 450 tcs. and bbls. in lots, at 11c.@11¾c. ₱ lb. Beef is doing better; the day's business comprises 975 bbls., in lots, at $9 25@$10 for repacked Western Mess; $10 75@$12 for extra repacked Western Mess; $5 25@$5 50 for Country Mess, ₱ bbl.; Prime Mess, $16 50@$19 50 ₱ tierce. Beef Hams, $13@$16 ₱ bbl. Butter is plenty and heavy, at 14c.@21c. for State, and 11c.@15c. for Ohio, ₱ lb. Cheese is in demand, at 9¾c.@11¾c. ₱ lb.

RICE—Sales 300 tcs., at $3 87@$4 50 ₱ 100 lbs.

SUGARS—Sales have been reported, to-day, of 570 hhds. Cuba at 7¾c.@7¾c.; 80 hhds. new crop Porto Rico at 7¾c.@8¾c.; and 600 boxes Havana, part at 7c.@7¾c. ₱ lb. Estimated stock on hand, to-day, according to the circular of Messrs. Daw, Younge & Co., 10,780 hhds. of all kinds, 830 hhds Melado, 19,100 boxes and 11,500 bags. We quote Cuba Muscovado at 6¾c.@8¾c.; Porto Rico, and New-Orleans at 7c.@8¾c.; Melado at 4c.@5¾c.; Cucuruchos, 6¼c.@7¾c.; Brown Havana, 7¼c.@7¾c.; Yellows, 8c.@8¾c.; Floretes, 8¾c.@9¼c., and Whites, 9¾c.@9¾c. ₱ lb.

TEAS—At the public sale, to-day, all the Greens, with only a small portion of the Blacks, were sold. The range of prices were for Gunpowder, 33c.@36¾c.; Imperial, 30c.@34¾c.; Young Hyson, 26c.@43½c; Twankay, 25½c.@27½c.; Oolong, 38c.@55½c.; and Souchong, at 27¾c. ₱ lb.

TOBACCO—Seed Leaf has been quite active. Other kinds have been sparingly dealt in. Sales have been reported since our last of 84 hhds. Kentucky, at 5c.@11c.; 2,116 cases Seed Leaf, at 5c.@20c.; 27 cases Florida on terms not ascertained; 47 bales Havana, at 31c @32c.; and 83 bales Cuba on private terms.

WHISKY—Sales 450 bbls., at 23½c.@24c. for Jersey, Ohio and Prison, ₱ gallon.

FREIGHTS—For Liverpool, the engagements included 100 boxes Bacon, at 22s. 6d.; also, by steamer, 200 firkins Butter, and 20 tons Seed, at 35s. For London, 40 tons India Rubber, at 22s. 6d.; 100 barrels Pork, at 4s.; 300 tcs. Beef at 6s.@6s. 6d.; 50 boxes Bacon at 27s. 6d.; 100 barrels Resin at 3s. 3d., and 100 bags Seed at 30s. For Bremen, 500 barrels Resin at 3s. 3d., and 50 tons Measurement Goods on private terms. For Hamburg, 200 bales Tobacco Stems at ¾c. ₱ lb., and 40 tons Measurement Goods at 25s.

FAMILY MARKET PRICES CURRENT.

WASHINGTON MARKET, Friday, Feb. 17, 1860.

MEATS.

The demand has been moderate. Prices have not varied materially.

Beef, roasting pieces, ₱ lb.	12	@	16
Beef, chuck roast, ₱ lb.	10	@	13
Beef, second cut chuck, ₱ lb.	8	@	10
Beef, rounds, ₱ lb.	9	@	12
Beef, rumps, ₱ lb.	11	@	13
Beef, porter-house steak, ₱ lb.	16	@	20
Beef, sirloin steak, ₱ lb.	14	@	16
Beef, rump steak, ₱ lb.	13	@	14
Beef, corned, ₱ lb.	6	@	12
Mutton, hind quarters, ₱ lb.	10	@	12
Mutton, fore quarters, ₱ lb.	7	@	9
Mutton, legs, ₱ lb.	10	@	12½
Mutton, shoulders, ₱ lb.	8	@	9
Mutton, chops, ₱ lb.	12	@	—
Lamb, ₱ lb.	10	@	12
Veal, hindquarters, ₱ lb.	11	@	12
Veal, forequarters, ₱ lb.	8	@	10
Veal cutlets, ₱ lb.	15	@	18
Pork, fresh, ₱ lb.	10	@	11
Pork, salted, ₱ lb.	10	@	10½
Pork, jowls, ₱ lb.	10	@	10½
Roasting Pigs, each	1 25	@	2 00
Soup Meats, ₱ lb.	5	@	8
Smoked Beef, ₱ lb.	12	@	14
Bacon, ₱ lb.	12	@	14
Hams, ₱ lb.	12	@	14
Shoulders, ₱ lb.	10	@	11
Tongues, each	75	@	80
Lard, ₱ lb.	12	@	13
Lard, by the tub, ₱ lb.	11½	@	12½
Sausages, City made, ₱ lb.	15	@	16
Tripe, ₱ lb.	6	@	—

POULTRY AND GAME,

Supplies are generally less extensive, and prices are advancing. The inquiry is restricted.

Chickens, Bucks' Co., ₱ lb.	16	@	20
Chickens, Broilers, ₱ pair	75	@	1 00
Fowls, ₱ lb.	12	@	16
Turkeys, ₱ lb.	14	@	18
Geese, ₱ lb.	9	@	12½
Ducks, ₱ lb.	16	@	20
Pigeons, Squab, ₱ dozen	2 00	@	2 50
Pigeons, tame and stalfed, ₱ dozen	1 50	@	2 00
Wood Duck, ₱ pair	75	@	1 00
Black Ducks, ₱ pair	87½	@	1 12½
Red Head Ducks, ₱ pair	1 00	@	1 25
Widgeon, ₱ pair	75	@	1 00
Teal, ₱ pair	56	@	75
Mallard	87	@	1 12½
Pheasants, English, ₱ pair	2 50	@	4 00
Partridge, ₱ pair	56	@	75
Quails, ₱ pair	31	@	50
Prairie Chickens, ₱ pair	75	@	1 00
Wild Turkeys, ₱ lb.	18	@	22
Wild Geese, each	1 00	@	1 25
Venison, ₱ lb.	7	@	11
Rabbits, ₱ pair	37	@	44
Hares, ₱ pair	56	@	62

FISH.

Dealers report a somewhat more satisfactory business this week. The closing prices we annex:

Codfish, ₱ lb.	7	@	8
Pickerel, ₱ lb.	—	@	12
Whitefish, ₱ lb.	12	@	—
Blackfish, ₱ lb.	10	@	—
Catfish, ₱ lb.	—	@	8
Perch, ₱ lb.	8	@	10
Eels, ₱ lb.	10	@	12
Flounders, ₱ lb.	7	@	8
Striped Bass, ₱ lb.	15	@	18
Black Bass, ₱ lb.	9	@	12
Frost-fish, ₱ lb.	7	@	8
Haddock, ₱ lb.	6	@	7
Shad, each	87	@	1 12½
Smelts, ₱ lb.	12	@	15
Oysters, ₱ 100	50	@	1 25
Oysters pickled, ₱ 100	1 25	@	1 50
Clams, ₱ 100	25	@	50
Crabs, soft, ₱ doz.	1 00	@	1 50
Crabs, hard, ₱ doz.	18	@	25
Lobsters, ₱ lb.	—	@	6
Salmon, City smoked, ₱ lb.	16	@	18
Salmon, pickled, ₱ lb.	12	@	15
Codfish, pickled, ₱ lb.	4	@	5
Codfish, dry, ₱ lb.	4	@	5
Mackerel, pickled, each	10	@	15
Mackerel, smoked, ₱ lb.	15	@	18
Halibut, smoked, ₱ lb.	8	@	10

VEGETABLES.

Most descriptions have been moderately sought after at our revised quotations:

Potatoes, Mercers, ₱ bbl.	2 00	@	2 50
Potatoes, Peacn-blows, ₱ bbl.	1 50	@	1 75
Potatoes, Pinkeyes, ₱ bbl.	1 50	@	—
Potatoes, ₱ bushel	62	@	1 00
Potatoes, ₱ half peck	12	@	18
Potatoes, Sweet, ₱ bbl.	3 00	@	3 50
Potatoes, Sweet, ₱ bushel	1 12½	@	1 25
Potatoes, Sweet, ₱ half peck	31½	@	37½
Turnips, ₱ basket	50	@	56
Turnips, ₱ peck	25	@	31
Parsnips, ₱ bunch	—	@	6
Carrots, ₱ bunch	—	@	6
Beets, ₱ bunch	—	@	6
Onions, ₱ peck	37	@	50
Cabbage, ₱ dozen	50	@	1 00
Cabbage, each	5	@	10
Cabbage, red, ₱ dozen	87½	@	1 37½
Tomatoes, ₱ quart can	25	@	—
Celery, ₱ bunch	12	@	—
Watercresses, ₱ quart	6	@	—
Spinach, ₱ basket	75	@	1 00
Leeks, ₱ bunch	6	@	8
Garlic, ₱ bunch	10	@	12

FRUIT.

Business has been spiritless. The changes in prices have been unimportant.

Apples, Table, ₱ peck	37	@	75
Apples, Cooking, ₱ peck	25	@	50
Cranberries, ₱ quart	15	@	20
Hickory Nuts, ₱ quart	10	@	12
Chestnuts, ₱ quart	25	@	—
Citron, preserved, ₱ lb.	25	@	—
Oranges, ₱ dozen	12	@	50
Lemons, ₱ dozen	12	@	37
Cocoanuts, ₱ dozen	50	@	—
Figs, ₱ drum	25	@	37
Turkish Fig Cake, each	10	@	—
Dried Cherries, ₱ lb.	8	@	10
Dates, ₱ lb.	—	@	8
Raisins, ₱ lb.	6	@	10
Currants, ₱ lb.	6	@	8

DAIRY PRODUCE, EGGS AND HONEY.

Butter has been freely offered, and has favored buyers. The demand, however, has not been active. Cheese has been in fair request at full rates. Eggs have been more abundant, and have been inquired for at our quotations.

Butter, State, ₱ lb.	18	@	24
Butter, Orange County, ₱ lb.	—	@	28
Butter, Orange County, by the tub, ₱ lb.	25	@	26
Butter, Ohio, ₱ lb.	15	@	21
Butter, roll, ₱ lb.	16	@	20
Cheese, ₱ lb.	11	@	14
Eggs, six for	13	@	—
Eggs, twelve for	25	@	—
Eggs, forty-eight for	1 00	@	—
Honey, White Clover, ₱ lb.	25	@	—
Honey, Buckwheat, ₱ lb.	14	@	20
Honey, ₱ can	—	@	—
Honey, ₱ bottle	25	@	—

The foregoing report is based on information obtained, to-day, mainly from the following parties: Thos. B. Way, stand No. 21; Packer & Kraft, stands Nos. 289 and 290; J. D. Hiscox, stands Nos. 336 and 337; S. Lichtenstein, stands Nos. 445 and 446; Mrs. Cooper, stand No. 338; J. Lyons, stand No. 3; J. Cameron, stands Nos. 143 and 147.

CITY POST-OFFICE.

Departure of Domestic Mails.

North—Albany, Buffalo and Canada.....3 P. M.
North and West Way Mail.....8½ A. M.
Western Mail, *vid* Erie Railroad.....5½ A. M. and 3½ P. M.
South and Southwestern Mail.....5 A. M. and 4½ P. M.
East for Boston, by Railroad.....5½ A. M. and 2 P. M.
East for Boston, by Steamboat.....4 P. M.

The Overland Mail for California leaves St. Louis every Monday and Thursday, at 8 A. M. Letters designed for it should be marked "Overland, *via* St. Louis."

The Overland Mails from St. Joseph (Mo.) to Placerville, *via* Salt Lake City, leave St. Joseph every Saturday, at 8 A. M. Letters should be marked "Overland, *via* St. Joseph."

Departure of Ocean Mails.

The European Mail for the *City of Washington* will close on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 10½ A. M.

The Havana Mail for the *Granada* will close on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 1½ P. M.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

FOR EUROPE.

Name.	Date.	Leaves	For
Bremen	Feb. 18	New-York	Bremen.
North Briton	Feb. 18	Portland	Liverpool.
City of Washington	Feb. 18	New-York	Liverpool.
Canada	Feb. 22	Boston	Liverpool.
United Kingdom	Feb. 22	New-York	Glasgow
Kangaroo	Feb. 25	New-York	Liverpool.
Arabia	Feb. 29	New-York	Liverpool.
Borussia	Mar. 1	New-York	Hamburg.
Prince Albert	Mar. 1	New-York	Galway.
Arago	Mar 3	New-York	Havre.
Glasgow	Mar. 3	New-York	Liverpool.
Edinburgh	Mar. 10	New-York	Liverpool.

FROM EUROPE.

Bremen	Jan. 7	Bremen	New-York
Ocean Queen	Jan. 17	Havre	New-York
Borussia	Feb. 1	Hamburg	New-York
Arabia	Feb. 4	Liverpool	New-York
Hungarian	Feb. 8	Liverpool	Portland.
Glasgow	Feb. 8	Liverpool	New-York
Europa	Feb. 11	Liverpool	Boston.
Jura	Feb. 11	Liverpool	New-York
Edinburgh	Feb. 15	Liverpool	New-York
Africa	Feb. 18	Liverpool	New-York
America	Feb. 25	Liverpool	Boston.
Australasian	Feb. 25	Liverpool	New-York

FOR THE WEST INDIES

Granada	Feb. 18	New-York	N.O. & Ha.
Quaker City	Feb. 25	New-York	Havana
Be Soto	Feb. 27	New-York	N.O. & Ha.
Karnak	Mar. 3	New-York	Nas. & Ha.

FOR CALIFORNIA.

Atlantic	Feb. 20	New-York	Aspinwall
North Star	Feb. 20	New-York	Aspinwall

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises... 6 50 | Sun sets.... 5 38 | Moon sets.... 5 13

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook. 5 43 | Gov. Island. 6 32 | Hell Gate.... 7 54

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....FRIDAY, Feb. 17.

Cleared.

Steamships Locust Point, French, Baltimore, H. B. Cromwell & Co.; City of Washington, (Br.,) Jeffrey, (U. S. M.,) Liverpool, via Queenstown, J. G. Dale.

Steamer Kennebec, Hand, Philadelphia, F. Perkins.

Ships Mazepa, Weeks, New-Orleans, Robson & Fosdick: Johannes, (Brem.,) Fritzen, Baltimore, ——.

Brig Blackfish, Shrouds, Norfolk, Van Brunt & Slaght.

Schooners J. A. Stanley, Jackson, Charleston, McCready, Mott & Co.; M. J. Gause, Smith, Philadelphia, J. W. McKay, J. M. Warren, Chapman, New-Haven, master; S. Eddy, Patton, Baltimore, Van Brunt & Slaght; Fairfax, Mott, Alexandria, Safford & Dodge; Panama, Allen, Salem, J. W. McKee.

Arrived.

Steamship Yorktown, Parrish, Richmond, with mdse. and passengers to Ludlam & Heineken. She brings to this port 142 of the crew of the U. S. frigate Merrimac.

Steamship Locust Point, French, Baltimore, with mdse. to H. B. Cromwell & Co.

Steamship Kennebec, Hand, Philadelphia and Cape May, with mdse. and passengers to F. Perkins.

Steamer Pelican, Aldrich, Providence, with mdse. to Isaac Odell.

Brig Andover, Crowell, of and from Boston, for Alexandria, Va., in ballast, put into this port in distress, having on the night of the 15th, Sandy Hook bearing N. W. 15 miles distant, experienced the gale from N. E., and was drifting ashore, to avoid which cut away foretopmast and topgallantmast, and maintopmast, and lost jibboom. Let go the anchors and drifted within 3 miles of the Hook. Was taken in tow by steamtug Achilles and brought up to the City. Will replace spars and proceed.

Schr. Tillie E., (of Dighton,) Babbitt, Attakapas 23 ds., with sugar and molasses to C. P. Leverich. Has experienced very severe and cold weather; has some of the crew frost-bitten.

Schr. Harper, (of Bucksport,) Wardwell, Attakapas, with sugar and molasses to James P. Leverich & Co. Had very heavy weather nearly the entire passage; lost part of deck load, boat, head rails, &c.

Schr. Robert Gilfillan, (of Wilmington, Del.,) Thompson, Cardenas Feb. 6, with molasses to Moria & Navarro. Had moderate weather and calms most of the passage.

Schr. Tamaulipas, Ackerly, Brassos, Texas, 18 ds., with hides, wool, &c., to Post & Small.

Schr. Choctaw, Harding, Wareham 3 ds., with naval stores to master.

Schr. Worth, Merrill, Wilmington, N. C., with naval stores to McCready, Mott & Co.

Schr. Lake, Hopkins, Bucksport 12 ds., with plaster to master.

Schr. Orion, Davis, Fall River 2 ds., in ballast.

Sloop W. D. Mangum, Thrasher, Taunton 2 ds., with mdse. to master.

WIND—Sunset, N. W.

Sailed.

Ships Ocean Pearl, San Francisco; Millcite, (Br.,) Mobile Mazeppa, New-Orleans. Bark E. Giddings, for Cardenas. Brig Mowe, (Old.,) Kingston, Jam.

Miscellaneous.

The ship Bavaria, Capt. Bailey, from Havre Dec. 22, with a general cargo and 75 passengers, arr. up to the City last evening, in tow of steamtug Yankee, Capt. Hazzard, having anchored the night previous outside the Lightship. Capt. B. reports: "Experienced heavy weather, was the whole month of January getting from lon. 12 to 38. The latter part of the passage had favorable winds. Jan. 25, lat. 46 17, lon. 36, exchanged signals with ship Sea Flower, of Boston, bd. E."

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A. P. A.—THE VARIOUS LODGES INTENDing to celebrate the immortal Washington's Birthday, will meet on the 22d inst., at 9 o'clock, A. M., at Union-square, right resting on 4th av., under G. Marshal J. Heron, and in procession will pass through 14th-st., 7th-av., 23d-st., 1st-av., 10th st., 3d-av., Bowery, Chatham st., the Park, Broadway, Canal-st., Hudson-st., 8th-av., 14th-st., to Union-square, and be dismissed.

ALEX. PEARSON, Chairman,
JOHN REID, Secretary. Of Com. of Arrang'ts.

PERSONAL.

INFORMATION WANTED—OF MONS. DUPONT, from Montlimany, in Dauphiné, France, who came to this country with Lafayette. Address NIECE, Box No. 160 *Times* Office.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—BY A MOST RELIABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as cook, washer and iron r or general housework; is a good plain cook, baker, and a fine laundress; would do chamberwork or washing or nurse and seamstress; is of good disposition; likes children; good reference; no objection to country. Call at No. 72 Bleecker st., near Broadway, this day and Monday.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A RESPECTABLE young woman, to do chamberwork and waiting, or waiting and assist with washing and ironing; is capable of doing both. Can give the best of City reference from her last place. Can be seen till suited, at No. 341½ 2d-av., between 21st and 22d sts., in the fancy store.

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WANTED.—A SITUATION WANTED BY AN American girl, Protestant, as chambermaid in a private family; would be willing to assist in the washing and ironing. Can refer to her present employer. Apply at No. 46 West 20th-st

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRST-CLASS laundress or would do chamberwork and fine washing in a private family; the best of City references can be given. Can be seen for two days at No. 126 Clinton-place, 8th-st., second floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTABLE Protestant girl, as chambermaid, and to do plain sewing, or as waiter and plain sewer; good City reference from her last place. Can be seen, for two days, at No. 176 East 17th-st.

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MALES.

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WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION, BY A single man of long practice and experience in this country; he thoroughly understands his business in each and all the departments of his profession; unexceptionable City reference. Address GARDENER, Morrisania Post-office, Westchester Co., for one week, which will be promptly attended to.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER BY a married man, without family; a native of Scotland; has been over eight years in the country; has a thorough knowledge of his business in all its branches; has good recommendations from his former employers. A note addressed A. W. C., Gardener, at Thorburn's, No. 15 John-st., New-York, will be promptly attended to.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN OF GOOD MORal character and excellent business qualifications a situation as entry or shipping clerk in some respectable commercial or manufacturing business; expectations moderate; best of City reference given. Address N. H. O., Newark Post-office, N. J.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS WAITER IN A private family, by a respectable young man, who understands his business thoroughly, and has good City references to that effect; town or country no objection. Address J. H., Box No. 210 *Times* Office.

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WANTED—A SITUATION AS SEXTON OF SOME up-town church, by a man of several years experience. A note addressed to F. R. D., No. 272 8th-av., stating where an interview may be had, will be promptly attended to.

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HELP WANTED.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, in the lumber business, under the firm of MOSES SMITH & CO., is this day dissolved, by mutual consent, and that the affairs of the said firm will be settled by MOSES SMITH, at the old place, foot of West 22d-st.—Dated New York, Feb. 18, 1860.

MOSES SMITH,
ALFRED W. BUDLONG.

A copartnership between the undersigned has this day been formed, under the firm name of SMITH & GRIDLEY, for the purpose of carrying on the lumber business, at the place formerly occupied by Moses Smith & Co., foot of West 22d-st.—Dated New-York, February, 1860.

MOSES SMITH,
FREDERICK GRIDLEY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE copartnership heretofore existing between Henry Farnam, Thomas C. Durant and Charles W. Durant, under the firm name and style of FARNAM & DURANT, has been this day dissolved, by mutual consent.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

A meeting, called by some of our prominent citizens, was held last night in the City Assembly Rooms, for the purpose of giving expression to the sentiments of the people of America who sympathize with the cause of Italian Independence. It was so largely attended that many of the audience were obliged to take seats in the aisles, and others who were unable to avail themselves of that convenience, were obliged to content themselves with standing-room. Mr. JAMES W. BEEKMAN was chosen Chairman. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. P. THOMPSON, Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER and Rev. H. W. BELLOWS; by Hon. CHARLES KING, L.L. D., President of Columbia College; Mr. JOSEPH HOXIE and Prof. O. M. MITCHELL. With the exception of a momentary interruption caused by a gentleman who was presumed to be either drunk or crazy, the proceedings were marked by singular unanimity. The principles urged in the Napoleonic pamphlet of *Le Pape et le Congrès* were enthusiastically indorsed, and the rights of the Italians to independence of the Roman See, unanimously asserted and ably vindicated.

But little business was transacted in Congress yesterday. The Senate was not in session. Some of the members of the House, who cannot make themselves feel at home without conveniences for writing while others are speaking, took the liberty of having desks introduced. Those who are opposed to the retrogression called attention to the fact, and a debate sprang up which ended in directing an inquiry into the probable expense of reinstating in the Hall its cast-off furniture. The appearance of the Senate bill abolishing the franking privilege was the signal for a confused parliamentary skirmish. Motions to intrust it to the tender mercies of various regular Committees were made and lost, and eventually it was referred to a Special Committee of five. During the progress of the discussion, the House refused to lay the bill on the table by a vote of 72 affirmative to 92 negative. On motion of Mr. KEITT $10,000 was appropriated to defray the expenses of inaugurating MILLS' equestrian statue of WASHINGTON. Leave was given Commodore SHUBRICK to receive a sword as a gift from Gen. URQUIZA. The House then adjourned to Monday.

Advices from Buenos Ayres to the 23d December, state that on the 5th the Indian marauders were attacked by the Argentine troops, as they were driving off their booty. One hundred and fifteen of the Indians were killed, and between 25,000 and 30,000 head of horned cattle were rescued. Rumors were in circulation of a difficulty between Brazil and the President of the Argentine Confederation. The Brazilian Minister, it was said, had withdrawn from Parana and the Emperor was concentrating a large land and naval force near the Argentine frontier. Señor DERQUI, who has often acted as Delegate-President during URQUIZA'S term of office, having received the largest number of votes in the electoral college, will be inaugurated President of the Argentine Confederation on the 5th of March next.

The question which was pending in the Virginia Democratic State Convention at the time of its adjournment, on Thursday, relative to the admission as delegates of all the Democrats in attendance from counties not otherwise represented, was determined yesterday affirmatively. As the friends of Governor WISE favored this action, the vote was considered a test of his strength in the Convention. Resolutions were offered indorsing Gov. WISE as the next Presidential candidate. Substitutes were submitted, to the effect that the Democrats of the State would support any National Democrat whom the Charleston Convention might advance, and that it was inexpedient to declare in favor of any one; but no action had been taken on these resolutions at the time when our dispatch closed. The debate to which they gave rise was protracted and remarkably exciting.

DOUGLAS delegates to the Charleston Convention were elected from the Seventh District of Massachusetts, on Thursday. The appearance of double delegations created quite a stormy time in the Convention, but it is said to have terminated harmoniously.

Both branches of the State Legislature adjourned yesterday until the 23d inst. In the Senate, bills were introduced to amend the railroad law, so as to prevent collisions at crossings, or where one road is used by two Companies, and to authorize a railroad in the upper part of Broadway, Mercer, Greene, Broome, and other City streets. The bill to provide means for completing the canals was lost. Upon the Select Committee to examine into the affairs of the New-York Excise Commissioners, the President appointed Messrs. PIERRO, MANIERRE, and GRANT. There was an unpleasant *rencontre* in the Assembly Chamber on Thursday, between Mr. HUGH ALLEN, Secretary of the Clinton League, and Mr. MILLIKEN, of Westchester. Mr. ALLEN, it is stated, charged Mr. MILLIKEN with being the individual to whom the Speaker of the House had referred as having asked $100,000 to defeat the *Pro Rata* bill. Mr. MILLIKEN retorted by calling Mr. ALLEN a scoundrel and liar, which epithets so enraged the latter that he struck the Assemblyman a blow in the face. A Committee was appointed to investigate the question of privilege. Mr. ALLEN was arrested, and yesterday placed at the bar of the House to answer for the assault. The Committee reported the proceedings proper to be taken in the case. After Messrs. MILLIKEN and several gentlemen who had witnessed the assault had given their testimony, Mr. ALLEN was heard in his defence. The House eventually ordered him to be set at liberty.

The Police Commissioners transacted little business of importance yesterday afternoon beyond authorizing an application to the Board of Supervisors for an appropriation to erect a building for the detention of witnesses. General Superintendent PILLSBURY submitted his report for the quarter ending Jan. 31. From it we learn that the number of arrests is less than of the quarter immediately preceding, being a decrease of 13 per cent. in arrests for offences against property, and of 30 per cent. of those against persons. He recommends that the General Superintendent have the entire control of the Police force, with the power to appoint assistants for zeal in the exercise of their duty.

The trial of W. J. LAIDLAW, Jr., for fraud on the Fulton Bank, was continued yesterday in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, the evidence, including the defendant's confession, being more than usually interesting. The prosecution rested their cause. To-day the defence will commence, and the case will probably go to the jury. In the Court of General Sessions, Recorder BARNARD transacted considerable business. THOMAS DUNLAP was convicted of an assault on ELIZABETH BULLHILLER, and sent to the Penitentiary for three months. WM. SMITH and MARTIN BESBY pleaded guilty to burglary in the third degree, and were sentenced each to two years and six months in the Penitentiary. CHARLES NAGLE pleaded guilty to burglary in the third degree, and was sentenced to the State Prison for four years and eight months. GEORGE LAFTY pleaded guilty to grand larceny, and was sent to the Penitentiary for two years and two months. LETITIA WILLIAMS pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny, and was sentenced to the Penitentiary for one year. JOHN HOLSING, for a like offence, was similarly punished. MELINDA MYERS was sent to the Penitentiary for six months for petit larceny. JOHN FAY was sent thither for five months for attempt at burglary. JAMES MALONE was sent thither for six months for petit larceny, and JAMES ROBINSON for three months.

The Junior exhibition of the Free Academy took place last evening, in the Cooper Institute. Eleven young gentlemen delivered orations, creditable to themselves and to their teachers.

The improvement in the Stock Market was more general than usual yesterday, and prices after advancing ½@1 per cent. closed firm. The sales of Pacific Mail were again large and at full prices, but with less speculative excitement than yesterday. Exchange on London is 109 per cent. The terms for Money, both in discounting paper and lending on demand, were, if anything, easier than before quoted.

Cotton was unusually active, sales having been reported of about 9,000 bales, including 7,500 *in transitu*. Prices leaned in favor of buyers. A livelier business was transacted in Flour, which was firmer. Grain was quiet. Rio Coffee, Sugars, and the principal kinds of Provisions, were in good demand. Resin and Spirits Turpentine, as well as Seed Leaf Tobacco, were actively sought after. The changes in other branches of trade were not very important.

Sympathy with Italy.

The meeting held last night in this City to express the sympathy which all enlightened Americans feel with the people of Italy in the present crisis of their national existence, was not unworthy of its noble object. The language of the speakers who addressed this meeting, and of the resolutions which were adopted, may safely be accepted by all who love freedom and hope for Italy, everywhere, as uttering the almost unanimous sentiment of the United States.

Everything in the history of the present Italian movement has tended to awaken the interest of Americans, to fix their attention, and to develop their admiration of Italian zeal for freedom into the deeper and more enduring feeling of respect for Italian capacity to make that freedom, once secured, a blessing instead of a curse. And for this, Italy is indebted, it is hardly too much to say, in equal measure to her own genius and to the wisdom of her great ally, the Emperor of the French. From the hour in which the influence of France at the Congress of Paris secured for Count CAVOUR a hearing in the presence of assembled Europe, NAPOLEON III. has steadily prosecuted the settlement of the the Italian question in one way—by putting Italy forward to settle it. More fortunate than her splendid sister in glory and in sorrow, Italy has found in NAPOLEON a protector who could forbear as well as strike, and who has firmly reserved for her all that priceless responsibility for her own future which the saviors of Navarino denied to Greece. In the light which has dawned and brightened over his policy since the war-clouds of Lombardy ceased to roll between himself and a Europe too much bewildered and alarmed to be either rational or just, it is beginning to be seen, and to be admitted even by the most obstinate of diplomatic skeptics, that if the liberation of Italy has brought new laurels to France, it is upon Europe and not upon NAPOLEON that the responsibility must rest. The question of Italy became a French question only when the Derby Cabinet of England and the princely councils of Germany resolved that it should never become either European or Italian. It ceased to be a French question on the day of the peace of Villafranca—a day which remitted the final reckoning of the Italian princes with their people from battle-fields contested by foreign troops, to the will and the wisdom of Italy herself. Had NAPOLEON pushed his victorious arms beyond the Venetian frontier, or to the gates of Vienna, the fate of Italy must have sunk into a secondary place, to be debated in the fever of a colossal European war, and decided once more in the end by foreign armies and by foreign cabinets.

The peace of Villafranca, clearing the political atmosphere slowly but surely, has at last laid the absolute truth of the position of affairs in Italy open to the calm and deliberate judgment of the civilized world. We see that wherever the people of Italy have been left to themselves, they have shown that they understand their actual wants as fully and as plainly as the people of England or France or America; that they have been able to depose dynasties without enthroning anarchy; to subordinate municipal pride and local prejudice and provincial passions to the grand conception of national unity; to establish religious freedom without falling into frantic iconoclasm; to bear themselves, in short, as resolutely and yet as temperately in the first hour of new-found independence as ever their ancestors did at the zenith of national experience and national prosperity. It is not in human nature that such a spectacle as this should be seen without something much more warm than mere approbation by a people like our own, simply as a triumph of national common sense and civic self-command. And it is particularly satisfactory that in the meeting of last night this strictly national and political aspect of the Italian question should have been exclusively dwelt upon. The accidental circumstance that the head of the Roman Church has willfully put himself, in his capacity of an Italian temporal prince, athwart the progress of this great people towards unity and independence, offers a sad temptation to thoughtless Protestant bigots for striking a sound blow at the "scarlet woman;" and as the religion of the Pope has really no more natural connection with his political attitude than the color of his cap, it is extremely important that Catholic bigotry should find no excuse in the folly of Protestants for confounding the cause of Roman independence with the question of Transubstantiation and the Immaculate Conception, the authority of Councils and the value of tradition. Pope PIUS IX. undoubtedly imagines himself to be playing the part of a martyr for the Church; but it cannot be long before the vast majority even of intelligent Catholics will recognize the absurdity of this melancholy delusion. The true patrimony of St. Peter, like the true kingdom of his Master, "is not of this world;" and the symbolic keys which glitter upon the Pontifical banner mean something more than that His Holiness is to keep the doors of Civita Vecchia and Ancona open for the convenience of the "Archbishop and Suffragans of the Province of New-York." It is against this doctrine, not against any new and cruel heresy, that PIUS IX. is vainly bracing himself up; and this doctrine will triumph over his obstinate resistance without so much as harming a single hair upon his head. He will fall of the martyr's crown simply because no human being dreams of fixing him upon the martyr's cross. The justice of the Italian cause, and the patience of the Italian people, are his only enemies; and these are enemies whose triumph will bring to him and to religion neither scath nor scorn.

A Howl from the Herald.

It is quite unnecessary for the TIMES ever to proclaim its own victories in the way of enterprise. They are invariably followed by a yell of despair from the New-York *Herald*, so shrill and loud and dissonant as to compel the attention of everybody to the cause which provokes so portentous a clamor. Of late the occasions for these lamentations have occurred so frequently, that the outcries of our dilapidated contemporary have fairly run into one continuous incoherent shriek. In great things and in small he is so constantly outstripped, that he no sooner begins to subside from screams into sobs over one defeat than he is suddenly electrified into a fresh outburst over another, and accordingly gratifies his readers with a prolonged and heterogeneous ululation much more discordant and not at all more profitable than the baying of Irish wolves against the moon.

Our Italian campaign of last Summer was a dreadful blow to him, at a moment when he was just beginning to take breath from his wailings over our Chinese successes; and he had hardly begun to show symptoms of recovery from the crash of Solferino when he was again driven wild by our Mexican triumph of Wednesday morning. Upon our publication in full on that day of the treaty negotiated by Mr. MCLANE, and now under discussion by the Senate, our bewildered old Rip Van Winkle staggers to his feet and shouts in the following style:

AN ENTERPRISING CONTEMPORARY.—In this City is published a newspaper which in two points has outstripped all its contemporaries in the United States—its original description of battles and battlegrounds, and its priority of intelligence in publishing bogus copies of treaties. Last Summer the Italian war was raging, and the editor thought he would make a good thing out of it. He therefore gave an account of the famous quadrangle of Austrian fortresses behind the Mincio, the "elbows" of which he represented as "formed by the sympathies of youth." Scarcely less graphic and interesting was his memorable sketch of his flight from Solferino, making a better race than John Gilpin, and distancing all the fugitives. No newspaper on this continent has ever been able to match that enterprize. In the way of treaties he also stands alone. About a year ago he published a treaty as signed in Washington by the Nicaraguan Minister and Sir GORE OUSELEY, the British Minister. No such treaty was then signed, nor has ever been signed since. Two or three days ago he achieved another brilliant feat of the same kind. He published what purported to be the recently made treaty between this country and Mexico. *No treaty like the one published by our smart contemporary is before the Senate. No such treaty, in fact, has been even negotiated between the two Governments.*

This is, on the whole, we think, the most characteristic howl which we have ever elicited from this "lean and slippered" Satan of the Press. He has often been more clamorous, but never more fully himself. For he reveals in the first place his profound indifference to the progress of human events and absolute lack of enterprise, with a singular cynicism. It is evident that the existence of Mr. MCLANE and of the negotiations which that gentleman has been carrying on so successfully in Mexico, was entirely unknown to our poor old contemporary until the Treaty blazed upon his astonished eyes from our columns. Then, again, he betrays, most unconsciously, the real calibre of the audience which he addresses. No journalist who expected his lucubrations to be read by anybody above the degree of a pot-house drudge, would have risked making himself ridiculous by an assertion which is just about as rational as a denial of the existence of the planet Jupiter, or a proposal to repeal the law of gravitation. The people who read the *Herald* may perhaps be safely insulted in this way by their guide, philosopher and friend, though we incline to think that even that class of our population is further advanced than the *Herald* imagines it to be. It is in this *naïve* exposure of his own incapacity, and of the presumed ignorance of his readers, that the peculiar interest of this lament from Mr. BUCHANAN'S organist consists. It is perfectly natural that the "sympathies of youth," and, indeed, all sympathies, should be odious to a dreary old Ishmaelite, all of whose ties to life have turned into scorpions tails to sting him; and it is not at all strange that a seven-times scarified THERSITES should cringe and wince at the very thought of an "elbow," inseparably associated as that interesting articulation of the human body must be in his too faithful memory with cudgels and cowhides, with the boxing of ears and the wringing of noses. But it is really odd that even the *Herald* should perpetrate such a perfectly anile absurdity as to show up its own want of information on a great public subject so conspicuously, and with such a vehement insisting that all the world shall see how far behind it has drifted in the race of enterprise. And yet the phenomenon, as we have said, is characteristic because it paints the antiquated scold of the *Herald* precisely as he is at this present time. He is indeed falling fast into the last scene of all:

"That ends his strange eventful history,
To second childishness and mere oblivion,
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."

And surely nothing could more sternly illustrate the overwhelming and inevitable power of moral laws than the fact that the desolation, imbecility and degradation which have overtaken this person, who once made himself a kind of social Dick Turpin on the highways of New-York, sparing no man's character, invading the sanctuaries of private life, outraging he sensibilities of whole families, excite no hrob of compassion in any heart. When Mr. ROGER A. PRYOR held BENNETT up to the contempt of the whole nation on the floor of the House of Representatives, a general satisfaction pervaded the whole community. Even those who thought the Virginian too lavish in his use of vitriol, felt that he was doing an honest service to the public sense of decency and right throughout the nation. The victim himself bore his castigation in a way which indicated that even he had felt the lash of justice at last. It was faintly murmured, indeed, that Mr. PRYOR, in selecting his portrait, had attacked the character of some one connected with him by domestic ties, and whose sex should have protected her. But this, of course, must be an error. For the lady who was supposed to have been impugned, doubtless, has male relatives more competent to defend her from unjust assault than he, and whose acquiescence in such an assault, were such an assault ever really made, would damn them to a lasting infamy.

The deliberate descriptive language of a responsible man like Mr. PRYOR, uttered in Congress, cannot be passed over like the mere driveling abuse of a journal like the *Herald*. When a sorry old scamp stands at the corners of the streets and calls people names, nobody feels bound, though any one is at liberty, to silence him with a sound kick. But the case is changed when specific charges are advanced by a man who stands ready to answer for his words and to maintain them.

We must hold, then, that Mr. PRYOR merely executed justice and judgment on the past of this great public offender. His present has just been tersely described by his last and greatest ally, Mr. BUCHANAN himself, who, on finding his name omitted by the *Herald* from the Presidential programme, delivered himself of the following pithy sentence: "Well, BENNETT has turned fool at last!" Into his future we decline to peep, even in the way of conjecture.

Slavery in New-York.

The following petition was presented to the Senate of this State on Wednesday:

Mr. MCLEOD MURPHY presented a petition from RICHARD M. HOE and several hundred citizens of New-York, in favor of comity among the several States, and asking that Southerners traveling with their slave servants may be permitted to hold them in the State of New-York for nine months.

There is one provision of our State Constitution which rather interferes with the prayer of Mr. HOE and his fellow petitioners, and which will be generally considered as conclusive against it. The provision reads thus: "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." So long as this provision stands, the Legislature, even if it should be disposed, will be unable, by any legislative act, to lend a favorable ear to the petition, and extend the prayed-for comity to our Southern brethren. Slavery is thus forever abolished in this State, and no person can he held in involuntary servitude within its limits, either for "nine months" or for nine hours. The only way in which Mr. HOE and his confederates can be gratified, is by an alteration of the Constitution and a change in the fundamental character of our institutions, for which the people of the State are perhaps not perfectly prepared, even to please the "several hundred" petitioners or to conciliate Southern sentiment.

We recognize our constitutional obligation providing for the rendition of "fugitives from service," and we are prepared scrupulously to fulfill it—not on the ground that the "institution" is, in our view, "divine," or "the normal condition of society," but simply and solely in compliance with the law of the land, which every good citizen is bound to respect. When, however, we are asked to go further, and to give our assent to the rightfulness of this service, and to enforce it by legislative acts, and thus virtually to establish Slavery in New-York, and, through some vague notion of comity, of our own accord, to consign human beings to interminable bondage, we must respectfully decline. Not only our "constitutional scruples," but our moral convictions and our economical principles, interpose insuperable obstacles to our compliance. We are not even prepared to "conquer our prejudices" on this subject. The "Great Expounder" himself, we are sure, would not have left, as his parting legacy, the advice to do so, and the specious rhetoric of Mr. CHARLES O'CONOR falls idly as the flakes of November snow upon our stolid ears. "Mr. HOE and several hundred citizens!" we respect your modesty, but we cannot grant your prayer!

We suppose that the petition really has its origin in some vague idea in the minds of those who presented it, that a necessity flowing from the Dred Scott decision requires it, and that as the slaveholder has the right to carry his slaves into the national territories, he has, therefore, also the right to carry them into the States.

While we see no force in this argument, it is enough for our present purpose to say that even the Supreme Court has not, as yet, decided that the Constitution, which in its view to some extent nationalizes Slavery, overrides the *legem loci* of the States. When this is announced, it will be time enough to meet this new aspect of the case.

But there is another view which we desire to take of this petition. To our mind it is exceedingly ill-timed. It comes with a very bad grace in this year of our Lord 1860, when the comity proposed can in no sense be regarded as reciprocal to any comity extended by the South to Northern citizens traveling or resident in that section. The accounts of outrages perpetrated at the South upon peaceable and unoffending men, whose only crime has been that they were born north of Mason and Dixon's line—the notices to leave, the tarrings and featherings, the riding upon rails, the hangings, the various forms of mob violence to which they have been subjected—are, just now, quite fresh in our recollection. We call to mind, too, that "Black lists" of our respectable mercantile houses, who never dreamed of any encroachment upon the rights of the South, are being extensively circulated throughout that section, and every attempt is made to injure them in their business for an honest difference of opinion, and for the exercise of their constitutional rights; that a general system of commercial proscription is advocated and practiced. We have heard something, also, of the imprisonment of Northern seamen of color in Southern ports, and we are fully aware that the sheet upon which these sentiments are printed is liable to be filched from the mails, whose expense we in part bear, by any stupid or malicious deputy postmaster of the South, and burned as incendiary. Even as we write the telegraph flashes upon us the speech of Mr. ANDERSON, of Missouri, in the House of Representatives, in which he proclaims:

"That unless a revolution in public sentiment takes place in the North within the next twelve months, which he did not anticipate, a man from that section would not be permitted to travel in the South unless he could bring evidence of conservative feeling and friendliness."

No, Mr. HOE and "several hundred citizens!" wait a little while,—at least, till the memory of these things becomes fainter; till the era of returning good sense and good feeling at the South arrives,—if you expect us to lend a willing and grateful ear to any prayer for extraordinary comity in that direction. We should prefer to have the appearance of granting it cheerfully and of our own accord, and not upon compulsion—not in response to the threats which are borne to us on every Southern breeze. We should be glad to maintain at least the semblance of self-respect.

We write in no vindictive spirit, and we would counsel no acts of retaliation. We can understand and appreciate the existing irritation of the public mind at the South, and, in view of it, we would be more scrupulous in the observance of every right of our Southern brethren, and more ready to embrace every proffer of conciliation; but we are in no mood to sacrifice our certain principles and convictions on the altar of a false and mistaken comity.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Virginia Democratic State Convention.

THE FRIENDS OF GOV. WISE IN THE ASCENDANT—RESOLUTIONS IN REPLY TO THE GREETINGS FROM THE CONNECTICUT CONVENTION.

RICHMOND, Va., Friday, Feb. 17.

There were no further proceedings last night, except the appointment of a Committee on the congratulatory dispatch from Connecticut.

This morning the vote was taken on last night's resolution, to admit as delegates all the Democrats now here from counties not otherwise represented, and the question was decided in the affirmative.

This was a triumph for the friends of HENRY A. WISE, and great cheering followed the announcement of the result.

The following resolution was introduced by Gen CHAPMAN:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention that HENRY A. WISE is the choice of the Democratic Party of this State for the Presidency.

W. D. WALLACH offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That this Convention pledges itself to support any national ticket which may be nominated according to the usages of the party.

A substitute for both resolutions was then introduced, declaring, in effect, that it is inexpedient for this Convention to declare a preference for any of the distinguished gentlemen who have been named in connection with the Presidency, but that it is expedient to declare that the Democracy of Virginia will give their support to the Charleston nominee.

The resolution and substitute were discussed at length, but no definite action was taken on them.

The Committee on the Connecticut resolutions reported the following in answer thereto, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Democracy of Virginia have received with heartfelt gratification the kind message of the Democracy of Connecticut, and in response express the ardent hope that the efforts of Connecticut may avail to preserve the Union from the lawless assaults of fanaticism.

Resolved, That Virginia congratulates her sister State on the selection of a true and gallant standard-bearer in the person of THOMAS H. SEYMOUR.

The Convention then adjourned to 4 P. M..

The proceedings were more orderly than yesterday.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention thus far (11 P. M.) has been occupied in discussing the resolution of preference for the Presidency and the substitutes.

Great excitement exists, and if a vote be taken to-night, the result will probably not be announced until to-morrow morning.

Washington's Birthday at the Capital.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPROACHING CELEBRATION—A GRAND MILITARY AND CIVIC DISPLAY IN PROSPECT.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 17.

The Congressional Committee on the inauguration of the statue of WASHINGTON to day arranged an extensive programme. A special invitation was extended to Lieutenant General SCOTT, who, by telegraph, says he cannot be present owing to physical indisposition. A Sub-Committee has in charge the military arrangements and will invite the military of some of the principal cities to be present, among others it is said the Seventh Regiment, National Guard, of New-York. It is intended, as far as the brief interval for preparation will allow, to make the occasion one of very imposing interest. Maj-Gen. JESUP is to be the Grand Marshal on the occasion. Places are provided in the procession for, among others, the Judges of the Supreme Court, members of the Diplomatic corps, officers of the Army and Navy, the President and his Cabinet, members of Congress, Mr. BOCOCK, the orator of the day, and CLARK MILLS, the artist who executed the statue, and even for officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army in uniform.

Fires.

TWENTY-THREE STORES AT BRANTFORD.

BRANTFORD, C. W., Friday, Feb. 17.

A fire broke out here this morning, in the dry-goods store of Mr. MCLEAN, on Colborne-street, extending thence west and east on both sides of the street, and up Market street to HEATON'S block, destroying altogether twenty-three buildings.

The following is a list of the principal sufferers on Colborn-street: Messrs. Cartan & Dee, general merchants; Morphy, jeweler; McLean & Co., dry goods; Brendon, druggist; Allen, grocer; R. McLean, grocer; Wilkinson, jeweler; Brarroll, jeweler; Gorman, boot and shoe dealer; Long, shoes and saddlery; Smith & McKay, saddles; Nimmo, grocer; and Stewart, cabinet shop.

On Market-street the sufferers were: Ritchie & Russell, grocers; Ford & Bro., grocers; the Brantford *Courier* newspaper office, and a number of others.

The amount of the loss is not known, but it is variously estimated at between one and two hundred thousand dollars. The amount of insurance is not yet ascertained. Owing to the intense cold, the fire engines were unable to do much service.

BUILDINGS IN NEW-BEDFORD.

NEW-BEDFORD, Friday, Feb. 17.

Two wooden buildings, occupied for mechanics' shops and a grocery, together with dwellings adjoining, at the corner of Middle and Second streets, were destroyed by fire last night. POLLARD & MYRICK, coopers, H. H. WOOD and GIDEON ALLEN are among the sufferers.

MANUFACTORIES IN CONNECTICUT.

BRANFORD, Friday, Feb. 17.

The manufactories of SQUIRE & PARSONS, and GRILLEY & PERKINS, in this place, were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss of SQUIRE & PARSONS, $50,000, and of GRILLEY & PERKINS, $10,000. Insurance, $34,000 and $6,500.

Democratic District Convention in Massachusetts.

ELECTION OF MORE DOUGLAS DELEGATES.

BOSTON, Friday, Feb. 17.

The Democratic Convention of the Seventh District, held at Haverhill yesterday, elected FREDERICK O. PRINCE, of Winchester, and GEORGE JOHNSON, of Bradford, as delegates to the Charleston Convention; B. F. WATSON, of Lawrence, and GEO. W. DYER, of Stoneham, substitutes.

The Convention was of rather an exciting nature occasioned by double delegations, but ended harmoniously. The delegates are Douglas men.

Connecticut and the Charleston Convention.

ARE THE DELEGATES IN FAVOR OF MR. DOUGLAS?

HARTFORD, CONN., Friday, Feb. 17.

The Editor of the Hartford *Post*, in response to the dispatch from the Editor of the *Times*, asserts that eleven out of the twelve delegates to the Charleston Convention from this State are favorable to the nomination of STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS for the Presidency, and have so expressed themselves on various occasions.

Obituary.

BOSTON, Thursday, Feb. 16.

GEORGE W. WILKINS, connected with the Opera Troupe of STRAKOSCH & ULLMANN, died this morning after a few days' sickness.

N. W. TUCKERMAN, of the firm of WHITNEY & Co., merchants, of this city, died yesterday afternoon.

Solicitor-General of Canada.

MONTREAL, Friday, Feb. 17.

Hon. Mr. MORIN, the new Solicitor-General for Canada East, has been reelected.

Markets by Telegraph.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Feb. 17.

FLOUR dull—no sales; Howard-street, Ohio and City Mills Superfine held at $5 37. WHEAT firm; Red $1 30@1 31; White $1 45@$1 50. CORN a shade better, sales 5,000 bushels; White 70c@73c.; Yellow 74c. @76c. PORK firm; Mess, $18. WHISKY firm, but quiet at 25c.

Sight Exchange on New-York 1-10 ₱ cent. premium.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Feb. 17.

FLOUR firm; superfine $5 75. WHEAT, advancing tendency; red $1 35@$1 36, white $1 45@$1 50. CORN quiet; sales, 1,600 bushels yellow at 76c. WHISKY steady at 23¾c.@24¾c.

CINCINNATI, Friday, Feb. 17.

FLOUR unchanged. WHISKY, 20½c.@20¾c. PROVISIONS firm; Mess Pork, $17 50. LARD, 10¾c.@10¾c.

AUGUSTA, Friday, Feb. 17.

COTTON—Sales to-day 1,550 bales at unchanged rates.

SAVANNAH, Friday, Feb. 17.

COTTON unchanged; sales to-day 2,000 bales.

CHARLESTON, Friday, Feb. 17.

COTTON—Sales to-day 2,200 bales at unchanged rates.

Philadelphia Stock Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Feb. 17.

Stocks steady. Philadelphia State Fives, 93⅛; Reading Railroad, 20; Morris Canal, 51¼; Long Island Railroad, 11⅝; Pennsylvania Railroad, 38½. Sight Exchange on New-York, par.

Telegraphic Marine Report.

FORT LAFAYETTE, Feb. 17, sunset.—No vessels in sight bd. in. Wind fresh, N. W. Weather clear.

HIGHLANDS, Feb. 17, sunset.—No vessels in sight inward bd. Wind light, N. W. Weather clear.

SANDY HOOK, Feb. 17, sunset.—Ship Palestine, for

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Arr. brig Albert Adams, Gordon, Wilmington.

PROVINCETOWN, Feb. 17.—Arr. bark Neapolitan, Palermo.

AGRICULTURE AT YALE.

Mr. Gould on Grasses—More of Judge French on Drainage—Mr. Harris on the Cultivation of the Cereals.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

YALE COLLEGE, Thursday, Feb. 16, 1860.

Hon. JOHN STAUNTON GOULD, of Columbia County, New-York, delivered his first lecture on "Grasses" this morning. He said that the importance of the grass crop was second to no crop cultivated in this country. It grows in every climate, and some of the tropical varieties vie with the trees of the Arctic region in size. About 30,000 varieties, or one-sixth of all the plants of the earth, belong to the grass family. Six-tenths of all the cultivated land in New-York are devoted to the growth of grass, and the value of the entire crop of the State is $60,000,000. In Massachusetts, its value is $13,000,000; in Connecticut, $10,000,000; in New-England, $30,000,000; and in the United States its value exceeds $200,000,000. Could the crop be doubled in all the States, as it might be, by good cultivation, the increased profit in one year would build a railroad to the Pacific. The average yield in New-York is 96 tons to the 100 acres. In Kings County the yield is 160 tons to the acre, while in Onondaga County it is only 60 tons, and yet the soil of the latter county is the best. One-third of the crop in all our meadows is worthless weeds, and one-sixth of the remainder is composed of plants having little nutritive value. The small yield in our country is caused by heedlessness and ignorance rather than soil or climate. The conditions for its more successful culture are—a thorough botanical knowledge of the varieties, their value as food, the knowledge of the soil adapted to them, and better cultivation. Many farmers are not satisfied unless they get two or three tons to each acre, and what one man does another may do. The increase of this crop would increase the grain crop in the same proportion, by furnishing more manure.

This afternoon Judge FARNUM concluded his Drainage talks—for that is the word for him; and the very perfection of lecturing it is too, at least for scientific as distinguished from popular lecturing. His closing subject was the Effect of Drainage.

The roots of plants, he said, turn away from the line of stagnant water—that is, although the roots of all plants like moisture, they will not seek it from stagnant water. Thorough drainage, by removing this line to the level of the drains, gives the plants above a clean sweep in search of their necessary degree of humidity. The roots of all plants, it is true, do not go to the depth of four feet—the depth at which tile-drains should be laid—but they reach further than most people suppose. Wheat roots will go three feet deep; barley not quite so deep. Mr. MECHI found parsnip roots thirteen feet below the surface, and Mr. COBBETT has asserted that the roots of lucerne have reached a depth of thirty feet. It is important, therefore, that the water-line should be as low as four feet.

Draining assists pulverization. JETHRO TULL'S theory was that there was in the soil a sufficiency of every element for the perfection of the plant, provided the soil was so minutely divided as to admit of the plants getting hold of it. This theory is partially revived at present, at least so far as to insist on thorough pulverization as a condition of a good crop. Now wet, heavy lands cannot be pulverized as they should be, and as they can be after drainage. Draining also prevents surface washing and a waste of manure on account of it. The drained soil is like a sponge, ready to drink up a rain when it comes. A well-soaked soil cannot do this, any more than a cask full of water can hold more. It also lengthens the season—a point of some value in such a climate as ours. A week or two in the length of the Summer may make all the difference between a good crop and no crop at all. On some kinds of land drainage has made a difference of six or seven weeks in the earliness of the period at which it could be worked. It has the effect too to prevent in a great degree the winter-killing of seed. The Secretary of the Ohio State Agricultural Society has shown that a vast amount of damage is done to the wheat crop of that State by winter-killing, and recommends drainage as a preventive. It saves open ditches on many lands, which are as great a nuisance as fences. Drained land is lighter to work; weeds are more easily killed on it, because in cutting them up you do not take up so much earth in their roots as on a heavy, wet soil. It plows easier, so much so that a difference of 25 per cent. is estimated in England in favor of drained land. Three horses, then, on a piece of drained land will do the work which required four before the drains were put in. It supplies air to the plants—a great desideratum.

After mentioning several other good things which drainage effects, the lecturer stated that all land did not need draining; that some was drained naturally, but that much more land was benefited by drainage than was commonly supposed. He closed by thanking the Convention for the attention which they had given him and his subject during the week, and congratulated the farmers on so auspicious an event in the history of their progress as the holding of this Agricultural Convention must prove to be.

Judge FRENCH has been very cordially received by the Convention, and no lectures of the course have been more attentively listened to than his.

Following Judge FRENCH came

Mr. JOSEPH HARRIS, of the *Genesee Farmer*, on the cultivation of the cereals. The great error, said he, of agriculturists in this country consists in cultivating too great a breadth. The cereals exhaust the soils of the elements of fertility, and these must be supplied or the crop will fail. The most important manure for wheat

Advertisements.

Amusements.

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OPERA HOUSE.—Engagement of Miss Rose Coghlan and Mr. Charles Coghlan. Monday evening, Feb. 20, and during the week, the comedy in four acts, entitled "Forbidden Fruit." Matinee Saturday.

PARK THEATRE.—Engagement of Mr. Lawrence Barrett. Monday evening, Feb. 20, and during the week, Shakespeare's tragedy of "Richelieu." Matinee Saturday.

THEATRE COMIQUE.—Engagement of Mr. Harry Lacy. Monday evening, Feb. 20, and during the week, the new and original comedy-drama, entitled "Hoodman Blind." Matinee Saturday.

NOVELTY THEATRE.—Engagement of Mr. Frank Mayo. Monday evening, Feb. 20, and during the week, the new and original drama, entitled "Davy Crockett." Matinee Saturday.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—Engagement of Mr. Edwin Booth. Monday evening, Feb. 20, and during the week, Shakespeare's tragedy of "Hamlet." Matinee Saturday.

THEATRE FRANÇAIS.—Engagement of Mr. Fred. Warde. Monday evening, Feb. 20, and during the week, Shakespeare's tragedy of "Richard III." Matinee Saturday.

BROOKLYN THEATRE.—Engagement of Mr. Edwin Adams. Monday evening, Feb. 20, and during the week, the new and original drama, entitled "Under the Gaslight." Matinee Saturday.

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FINANCIAL.

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For the Year ending Jan. 31, 1860.
OFFICE, NO. 94 BROADWAY.

Cash assets Feb. 1, 1859		$5,188,982 42
RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.		
For Premiums	$1,056,404 06	
For Interest	361,119 11	
For Annuities	28,437 80—	1,445,961 97
Total		$6,634,895 39
DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.		
Paid Claims by Death	$341,514 79	
Paid Additions on same	44,904 43	
Paid Surrendered Policies	70,639 97	
Paid Annuities	8,068 42	
Paid Reductions of Premiums	1,446 77	
Paid Commissions	43,964 76	
Paid Expenses, viz: Exchange, Postage, Medical Examinations, Salaries, Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Rent, Fuel, &c.	65,676 72	
Paid Taxes for the year	8,894 65	
Total	$583,509 53	
Add Taxes paid for the years 1851 and 1852, not properly belonging to the expenses of this year	37,631 67—	621,090 19
Cash Assets Feb 1, 1860		$6,013,855 20
INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:		
Cash on hand and in Bank	$198,454 64	
Bonds and Mortgages	5,636,854 92	
United State Stock	200,000 00	
Real Estate	* 51,911 04	
Due from Agents	16,634 80—	6,013,855 20
Add Interest accrued, but not due		$65,000 00
Add Deferred Premium account, estimated		135,000 00
Add Premiums collected, in hands of agents		19,661 85
Gross Assets, Feb. 1, 1860		$6,233,517 05
Net increase in cash assets		824,921 78
Amount at risk Feb. 1, 1859		$32,575 099 00
Amount issued during the year		5,343,325 00
Total		37,918,424 00
Deduct: Surrendered, cancelled, forfeited, expired, and dead		2,599,145 00
Amount at risk Feb. 1, 1860		35,319,279 00
Of which are for life	33,166,879 00	
Of which for short term	1,168,250 00	
Of which for Endowment—Assurances	984,150 00	—35,319,279 00
Number of Policies in force Feb. 1, 1859		10,993
Number of Policies issued during year		1,721
Total		12,714
Deduct: Surrendered, cancelled, forfeited, expired and dead		882
Number of Policies Feb. 1, 1860		11,833
Of which are for life	11,188	
Of which for short term	340	
Of which for Endowment—Assurances	291	11,833
Net increase in policies during the year		839
Decrease of Life policies	933	
Increase of Endowment	52—984	
Decrease in short time	145—	839

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement, and find the same to be correct.
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JAN. 1, 1860,

Capital stock		$100,000 00
Reserve of 1857	232,590 19—	$352,590 19
Balance Jan 1, 1859		343,191 59
Dividend account		26,168 00
Dividend annuity account	$22 00	
Premiums received during the year	304,308 41	
Interest account for the year	47 371 37—	351,701 78
Total		$1,073,651 56
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Claims by death on policies and bonus		$87,131 00
Expenses, taxes, med. ex. fees and commissions		52,104 26
Reinsurance, purchased policies and bonus and dividends paid during the year		63,408 23—$202,643 49
ASSETS.		
Bonds and Mortgages		$355,050 00
Premium loans		318,781 13
Agents' account for premiums in course of collection and transmission		65,600 00
Real estate		13,301 01
Cash in Bank and on hand		51,188 43
United States, State and City Bonds and Stocks		7,087 50—$871,008 07
Total		$1,073,651 56

The Directors have declared a Dividend of SIX PER CENT. interest on the outstanding Scrip for Profits heretofore allotted. Also, a Dividend of THIRTY PER CENT. on the Life Premiums entitled to participate at the Third Triennial Allotment. Also, a Dividend of FIFTEEN PER CENT. on the Term Premiums in like manner participating, all of which dividends are adjustable at the time of settlement of the current year's premium.

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No. 402 4th-av., New York, Jan. 20, 1860. }
THE FOLLOWING-NAMED GENTLEMEN have been elected Directors of this Company for the ensuing year:

CHRISTIAN H. SAND, D. GODFREY GUNTHER, EUGENE S. BALLIN, EDWARD HAIGHT, HERMANN MARCUSE, THOMAS ACHELIS, EDWARD SCHELL, WASHINGTON S. WHITNEY, JOSEPH NOBLE, JOHN D. SCOTT, JAMES HOY, ROBT. H. ARKENBURGH.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held this day, CHRISTIAN H. SAND was unanimously elected President. W. TITUS, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 20, 1860.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK, }
Corner 3d-av and 25th-st. }
INTEREST ALLOWED AT THE RATE OF six per cent on all sums from $1 to $1,000. Bank open DAILY from 10 to 3 o'clock; also on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8 o'clock. SPENCER K. GREEN, President.
S. S. CHILDS, Secretary.

HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD BONDS.—Sealed proposals will be received until Saturday, the 25th instant, at noon, for the sale to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, of $22,500 worth of the Mortgage Convertible Bonds of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company, dated July 1, 1858, and payable 20 years after dates. Proposals may be addressed to H. H. HUNNEWELL, Boston, and indorsed "Proposals to Trustees."
H. H. HUNNEWELL,
SIDNEY BARTLETT,
H. P. KIDDER, } Trustees.
BOSTON, Feb. 2, 1860.

SEXTON & WAINWRIGHT, STOCK BROKERS, NO. 27 WILLIAM-ST.—STOCKS, BONDS and all current SECURITIES, BOUGHT and SOLD at the New-York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and London Stock Exchanges, and at private sale.
Branch office, No 473 Broadway, corner of Chambers-st. Collections made through READ, DREXEL & CO. DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.'s Foreign Bills from £1 upward. A. D. WILLIAMS, Agent at Branch Office.

JEFFERSONVILLE RAILROAD.—HOLDERS of the so called Second Mortgage Bonds are requested to meet at No. 76 Beaver-st. SATURDAY next 18th inst., at 1 P. M. Object of meeting disposal of $1,470. Interest remitted to the Committee.

FINANCIAL.

NOTICE.—BOOKS WILL BE OPENED AT THE Bank of America on MONDAY, 20th inst., (and remain open for four days only,) for subscription of $100,000 to the capital stock of the Merchants' Bank of St. Louis, Mo., Branch at Brunswick. Ten per cent. must be paid at the time of subscribing, and the remainder at such periods as may be called for by the Board of Directors during the ensuing year. Subscribers paying in full at the time of subscribing, or in the interim between the calls of installments, will be paid dividends pro rata.
A. JOHNSON, President.
Merchants' Bank of St. Louis, Mo.,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 17, 1860. Branch at Brunswick.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY, AUCTIONEER and Stock Broker, No. 59 William-st.—Insurance stock and other securities at private sale. Stocks and Bonds bought and sold at the Brokers' Board.

CALIFORNIA STATE AND SAN FRANCISCO City Interest Coupons purchased by
DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.

AUCTION SALES.

ADRIAN H. MULLER
Will sell on Feb. 23
BROADWAY PROPERTY, NO. 910.
This will be positively sold. The ground is 24 feet on Broadway, 130 feet on north line, and 113.10 feet on south. The building is on the grade.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
EXECUTOR'S POSITIVE SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY ON WORTH, WHITE AND WILLIAM STREETS.—ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Feb. 23, 1860, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, to close the estate of Elizabeth Eckert, deceased.
WORTH-ST.—The frame house and lot, No. 57 Worth-st., north side, 75 feet west of Church-st.; lot, 25.6x100 feet.
WHITE-ST.—The two-story brick front house and lot, No. 43 White st., south side, between Broadway and Church-st.; lot, 26.3½x100 feet.
WILLIAM ST.—The frame house and lot, No. 231 William-st., west side, 100 feet south of Duane-st.; lot, 27 feet 9 inches front, 25 feet 3 inches rear, by 38 feet 2 inches on southerly side, and 37 feet 6 inches on northerly side.
Sixty per cent. of the purchase money can remain on bond and mortgage, for one, two, or three years.
For maps and further particulars apply to the auctioneer, No. 35 Wall-st.

JOSEPH M. KISSAM, Auctioneer.
EXECUTOR'S SALE.—WILL BE SOLD AT public auction at Sibery's Hotel, in the village of New-Rochelle, on THURSDAY, Feb. 23, 1860, at 11 o'clock, A. M., the farm of the late Hannah Pugsley, deceased, of about 151 acres by survey made by John F. Jenkins, Surveyor, situate in the town of New Rochelle, about one mile north of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad depôt at New-Rochelle, on the east side of the road leading to White Plains. For particulars of boundaries, apply to JOHN PINE, or to JOSEPH M. KISSAM, Auctioneer, of New-Rochelle village, or to the undersigned, in the upper part of New-Rochelle, who will point out the Farm, and furnish maps of the same. JOHN SOULIGE,
Sole surviving Executor of Hannah Pugsley, deceased.
NEW-ROCHELLE, Jan. 4, 1860.

JAMES M. MILLER, Auctioneer.
FORECLOSURE SALE OF A VERY DESIRABLE DWELLING-HOUSE AND SIX VALUABLE LOTS AT WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.—JAMES M. MILLER will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Feb 21, 1860, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, New-York, a two-story and basement frame house, 28x36 feet, filled in with brick between the partitions, with marble mantels, hot and cold water, gas, bath, range, &c. The house is four years old and in perfect order. The yard is well supplied with fruit and shade trees, grape-vines, &c., and walks flagged. Stages pass the poor. The property will be sold together or separate, to suit purchasers. Is within 10 minutes' walk of the Hudson River Railroad depôt. Maps, &c., can be obtained of the auctioneer, or at the office of EDWARD P. CLARK, No. 128 Broadway, N.Y., (American Exchange Bank Building.)

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
HOUSES AND LOTS ON EAST THIRTY-SECOND-STREET.—ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at auction on MONDAY, Feb. 20, 1860, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, three three-story brick houses, with basement and sub-cellars, Nos. 88, 90 and 92 East 32d-st., south side, between Lexington and 3d avs.; houses each 16.8x38 feet, and built by days' work. No. 88 contains bath, Croton and gas throughout; Nos. 90 and 92 contain gas throughout, and Croton in basements and sub-cellars. The gas chandeliers and fixtures go with the houses. A large portion of the purchase money can remain on bond and mortgage. For maps, &c., apply to the Auctioneer, No. 35 Wall-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
PEREMPTORY SALE OF LOT ON ELEVENTH-ST., NEAR BROADWAY.—ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at auction, on MONDAY, Feb. 20, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, the large and valuable lot of land on the northerly side of 11th-st., 356 feet 9 inches west of Broadway, being 27 feet wide by 103 feet 3 inches deep. The sale will be positive, 50 per cent can remain on bond and mortgage for three years. For maps, &c., apply to the auctioneer, No. 35 Wall-st.

ADRIAN H MULLER, Auctioneer.
EXECUTORS' SALE.—A. H. MULLER WILL sell at public auction on THURSDAY, Feb. 23, by order of the executors of Jesse Scofield, deceased, the seven three-story brick dwelling houses known as Nos. 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169 and 171 Livingston-st. corner of Hoyt, Brooklyn. For particulars inquire of the auctioneers, or of the subscriber at No. 39 William-st., Room No. 2, second floor. WM. H. SCOFIELD.

GEO. WELLES NICHOLS, Auctioneer.
BROWNE & NICHOLS WILL SELL AT auction, SATURDAY, Feb. 18, at 10½ o'clock, at salesroom, No. 35 Nassau-st., a general assortment of household furniture, removed for convenience of sale, consisting of rosewood suites, bureaus, bedsteads, tables, chairs, mattresses, beds, bedding, pier and mantel glasses rosewood piano-forte, one iron safe, &c., &c.

FEED & COLE, Auctioneers.
SHERIFF'S SALE OF FURNITURE, BOOKS, &c.—THIS DAY, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 343 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, by FEED & COLE, comprising parlor and chamber furniture, pier glasses, crockery and glass ware, 250 volumes books, piano-forte, and also 26 cases of Wolf's schnapps.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer—salesroom 23 Nassau-st.
HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. WILL SELL at auction on SATURDAY, Feb. 18, at 12 o'clock, in front of store No. 23 Nassau-st., bay horse, 5 years old, 16 hands high, long tail, sound and kind, and broke to single or double harness, and suitable for any purpose. Also, a road sulky, in good running order.

RECIVER'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF THE powers and office of the undersigned, as Receiver, and by virtue of an order of the Supreme Court of New-York, I, the undersigned, will sell at public auction, on the premises, No. 76 West Thirty-seventh-street, in the City of New-York, on the 28th day of February, 1860, at 10 o'clock A. M., all the stock and materials, manufactured and not manufactured, gas meters, machinery, tools, fixtures, impiements, moulds, patterns, cutters, now in my possession, or before said day to come into my possession, as Receiver, appointed such in an action in said Supreme Court, wherein Thomas K. Downing is plaintiff, and Joseph Richards and another defendants. Also the good will of the business formerly carried on at the place aforesaid, being the manufacture and sale of gas meters, to which said business the said property so to be sold appertains.
HENRY A. SAYRE, Receiver.
J. D. & T. D. SHERWOOD, Attorneys of Receiver, No. 111 Broadway.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1860.

PROPOSALS.

NAVY AGENCY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 7, 1860.
SEALED PROPOSALS, INDORSED "PROposals for Beef" and "Proposals for Pork," as the case may be, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, on SATURDAY, the 18th inst., for furnishing and delivering, free of all cost and risk, to the United States at the Navy Yard at Brooklyn,
1,000 BARRELS OF BEEF,
1,000 BARRELS OF PORK,
within thirty days. The beef must be from well fattened cattle. The pork must be packed from corn-fed, well fattened hogs. The barrels must conform as near to Navy Beef and Pork contract barrels as any original barrels not expressly made for the Navy; to be made of the best seasoned heart of white oak staves and headings, and each barrel to be hooped with four iron hoops.
Every offer must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation immediately, with good and sufficient sureties, to furnish the articles proposed.
This guarantee must be accompanied by the certificate of the United States District Judge, United States District Attorney, Collecter, Postmaster or Navy Agent, that the guarantors are able to make good their guarantee.
No proposals will be considered unless accompanied by such guarantee.
The beef and pork must conform to the usual inspection of the Navy-Yard. Full particulars may be ascertained upon application to the Commandant of the Navy Yard or at this office.
GEORGE N. SANDERS, Navy Agent.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the School Officers of the IVth Ward, at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until Monday, March 5, 1860, at 12 o'clock, noon, for doing the mason work, carpenter work, heating with hot-water furnaces, and painting necessary for the erection and completion of a new primary school-house on the lots Nos. 71, 73 and 75 Oliver-st., in said Ward, according to plans and specifications on file and to be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 94 Crosby-st. Proposals must state the estimate for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed, "Proposals for Mason Work," "Proposals for Carpenter Work," "Proposals for Heating," and "Proposals for Painting." Each proposal must be accompanied with the names of two responsible and approved sureties, with an affidavit attached, stating their willingness to guarantee the faithful performance of the contract to be entered into by the person or persons offering the proposal, and none others will be considered. The school officers reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals offered, if deemed for the public interests to do so.
EDMUND J. KELLY,
CHAS. J. DOUGHERTY,
EUGENE SHINE,
JOHN SHEA,
EDWARD M. MORRIS, } Building Committee.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the School Officers of the XVIIth Ward, at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until MONDAY, the 20th of February instant at 12 o'clock, noon, for the desks, chairs, settees, &c., necessary for furnishing the Schoolhouse known as Ward School No. 19, in said Ward, according to plans and specifications on file, and to be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 94 Crosby st. The School Officers of the Ward reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals offered, if deemed for the public interests to do so.
FRANCIS DUNCAN,
JOSEPH McGUIRE,
SAML CANTRELL,
H. H. WILLIAMS,
MICHAEL HAHN, } Building Committee.

DENTISTRY.

A CLEAN AND WHOLESOME APPEARANCE OF THE MOUTH IS THE STRONGEST LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.—Pain and loss of teeth entirely prevented by my new method of filling, which is warranted. Teeth and fangs ingeniously removed without sensation. Old sets exchanged, fitted, or repaired; and new sets in handsome style.
VINCENT W. BATE, Dentist,
No. 836 Broadway, corner of 13th-st.

COAL OIL—FULLY EQUAL TO THE BEST IN market, for sale at less than usual prices, by JOHN W. QUINOY & CO., No. 98 William-st.

RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD.
FARE 25 TO ALBANY.
On and after WEDNESDAY, Jan 18, 1860, trains will leave 26th-st Station, New-York, as follows:
For Williams' Bridge, 6:30 and 11 A. M.; 2:30 and 8.30 P. M.
For White Plains, 10:30 and 3 P. M. For White Plains, 6:15 P. M., from White-st. Depôt.
For Croton Falls, 4 P. M., from 26th-st. Depôt.
For Millerton 3 P. M., from 26th-st. Depôt.
For Albany, 9 A. M., mail; and 3:30 P. M., express; (connecting with N. Y. C. R. R.) Returning, will leave Williams' Bridge, 6:40 and 9:30 A. M., and 3.40 P. M.
White Plains, 8 and 7:20 A. M.; 4:50 P. M.
Croton, 7 A. M. Millerton, 7 A. M.
Albany, 11 A. M., mail, and 4:10 P. M., express train.
The 9 A. M. Mail and 3:30 P. M. Express train connect at Chatham Four Corners for all stations on Western Railroad. Baggage checked for the Mail and Express trains corner White and Centre sts., from 7 to 8:15 A. M., and from 1 to 2:40 P. M.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Connecting at New-Hampton with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and at Easton with the Lehigh Valley Railroad.
WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.—Commencing Dec. 19, 1859.—Leave New-York for Easton and intermediate places, from foot of Cortlandt-st., at 8 A M., 12 M., and 4:10 P.M. For Somerville, by the above trains, at 5:30 P. M. From Pier No. 4, North River, at 7:30 and 11:30 A. M., and 3:30 P. M. for Easton and intermediate stations. For Somerville, by the above trains, at 4:30 P. M.
The 12 M. train from foot of Cortlandt-st., and the 11:30 A. M. train from Pier No. 2, North River, make a close connection at Easton with the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and thence, *vid* East Pennsylvania Railroad, to Reading, without change of cars, and connects at Reading direct for Pottsville and Harrisburgh.
Passengers for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad will leave New-York, from foot of Cortlandt-st., at 8 A M., or at 7:30 from Pier No. 2, North River. For Lehigh Valley Railroad, at 8 A. M. and 12 M. from foot of Cortlandt-st., or from Pier No. 2, North River, at 7:30 and 11:30 A. M.
JOHN O. STERNS, Superintendent.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—FROM DEC. 22, 1859, Trains will leave Chambers-st. Station as follows: Express Trains, 7 and 11 A. M., and 4:30 P. M.; for Sing Sing, 3:45 and 6:40 P. M.; for Poughkeepsie, 7:30 A. M., and 12:20 and 3:20 P. M.; for Peekskill, 5:15 P. M. A Montreal and Buffalo Passenger Train, (with sleeping cars,) leaves 31st-st., daily, at 9:30 P. M. The Poughkeepsie, Peekskill and Sing Sing Trains stop at most of the way stations. Passengers taken at Chambers, Canal, Christopher and 31st sts. Trains for New-York leave Troy at 6:15 and 10:10 A. M., and 4 and 9 P. M., and Albany about 15 minutes later. On Sunday at 6:15 P. M. A. F. SMITH, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK AND FLUSHING RAILROAD CO.—Leave Fulton Market-slip for FLUSHING, per steamer MATTANO, at 9 A. M., 1 P. M., 4 P. M. and 6 P. M., connecting with cars at Hunter's Point. Returning, leave Flushing at 6:30, 8 and 11 A. M., and 3 and 5 P. M. Extra trains leave Hunter's Point for Flushing at 7:15 and 11:15 A. M; returning, leave Flushing at 1 P. M.; passengers by this train will cross the 34th-st. Ferry. Fare 15 cents. Fare from Fulton Market-slip, 25 cents. All above trains stop at the way stations. Calvary Cemetery, Winfield, Newtown and West Flushing. On Sundays cars leave Hunter's Point for Flushing and all way stations at 9:30, 11, 4 and 5 o'clock; returning, leave Flushing at 8:30, 10, 3 and 4:30 o'clock. Excursion tickets for the trip, 25 cents.

NEW-YORK, PROVIDENCE AND BOSTON MID-DAY EXPRESS TRAIN, *vid* SHORE LINE.—Leave New-York, corner of 27th-st. and 4th-av., at 12:15 P. M., and arrive at Providence at 7:30 P. M. and Boston at 9 P. M.
Leave Boston, from depôt of Boston and Providence Railroad, at 11:10 A. M., and Providence at 12:35 P. M., and arrive in New-York at 7:30 P. M.
Through without change of cars.
F. J. CALHOUN, Superintendent.

RARITAN AND DELAWARE BAY RAILROAD—FOR PORT MONMOUTH, MIDDLETOWN, RED BANK, SHREWSBURY, EATON TOWN, LONG BRANCH, SQUAN, &c., *vid* steamboat ALICE PRICE. Leave Murray st. wharf Feb 17, 2 P. M.; 18, 1½ P. M. 20, 6½ A. M. and 4 P. M.; 21, 5 A. M., 22, 5½ A. M.; 23, 6 A. M.; 24, 6½ A. M.; 25, 7 A. M.; 27, 7½ A. M.; 28, 7½ A. M.; 29 8½ A. M. Returning, will leave Red Bank 2½ hours after the boat leaves New-York.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—From pier foot of Duane-st.—Dunkirk Express, at 7 A. M. for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Canandaigua, and principal stations. Newburgh Express, at 3:30 P. M., for Newburgh, Middletown and intermediate stations. Night Express, at 4:30 P. M. for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Canandaigua and principal stations.
CHAS. MINOT, General Superintendent.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.—TRAINS LEAVE Brooklyn for Greenport at 10 A. M.; Yaphank, 10 A. M., and on Saturdays at 3:30 P. M.; North Islip at 10 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.; Syosset at 10 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.; for Hempstead at 10 A. M., 3:30 and 5 P. M.; for Jamaica at 10 A. M., 3:30, 5 and 6 30 P. M.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD—FOR PHILADELPHIA AND THE SOUTH AND WEST FROM JERSEY CITY.—Mail and Express Line. Leaves New-York at 7, 9 and 11 A M.; 4, and 6 P. M., fare $3; 12 M., fare $2 25. Through baggage checked in 7 A. M. and 6 P. M.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE SECURITY FIRE INSURANCE CO., }
No. 31 Pine-st., New-York, Feb. 13, 1860. }
DIVIDEND.—A STOCKHOLDERS' DIVIDEND OF Five (5) Per Cent. on the Capital Stock of this Company has been this day declared payable on demand. By order of the Board of Directors,
R. L. HAYDOCK, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK FIRE AND MARINE }
INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 8 1860. }
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Semi Annual Dividend of Ten per cent., payable on demand at the office of the Company, No. 72 Wall-st.
D. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

ST. NICHOLAS INSURANCE COMPANY, }
OFFICE No. 10 MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, Feb. 8, 1860. }
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of Four (4) Per Cent., payable on and after the 20th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that date.
WM. S. SLOCUM, Secretary.

INSURANCE.

CLINTON
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
OFFICE NO. 52 WALL-STREET.
CASH CAPITAL.....$250,000
WITH A LARGE SURPLUS.
DIRECTORS.

HUGH LAING,	NOAH S. HUNT.
EFF'GHAM TOWNSEND,	THOMAS SMULL,
CHAS R. SWORDS,	J. H. RANSOM.
JOHN PENFOLD,	GEO. A. TOWNSEND,
JOHN COMPTON.	DON ALONZO CUSHMAN.
D. HENRY HAIGHT,	U. J. SMITH,
JOSEPH LAWRENCE,	ALFRED WILLIS,
LEONARDO S. SUARZ,	SYLVESTER L. H. WARD,
SILAS BRONSON,	ALVE E. LAING,
A. R. ENO,	ROBERT M. BRUCE,
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JOSEPH W. CORLIES,	A. YZNAGA DEL VALLE,
SAMUEL WILLETS,	LAWRENCE TURNURE,
S. T. NICOOL,	HENRY S. LEVERICH,

GEO. GRISWOLD, Jr.
HUGH LAING, President.
JAMES B. AIMES, Jr., Secretary.

HOMESTEAD FIRE INSURANCE CO., NEW-YORK,
OFFICE, WHITLOCK BUILDING,
No. 136 Nassau, corner of Beekman-st.
Capital.....$150,000
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1860.....20,000
Capital being increased to.....200,000
Insures buildings, merchandise, furniture and all kinds of insurable property against loss or damage by fire, at the lowest rates charged by responsible companies. We respectfully solicit a share of public patronage.
WM. CHAUNCEY, President.
PHILO HURD, Vice-President.
JNO. K. OAKLEY, Secretary.
JAS. E. DUNHAM, General Agent.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT—OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.—JAMES A. BOORMAN against FREDERIC W. RHINELANDER and EDWIN A. POST—Summons for money demand on contract.—To the Defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which was Feb. 7, 1860, filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall, in the City, County and State of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office, No. 34 Pine-street, in said City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of four thousand and five hundred dollars, ($4,500,) with interest from the fourth (4th) day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, besides the cost of this action.—Dated New-York, Feb. 7, 1860.
JOHN L. SUTHERLAND,
f10-law12w8* Plff's Att'y.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF THE Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against FRANCIS F. CUNIFFE, late of the City of New-York, Merchant, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his office, No. 46 Warren street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 5th day of July next. Dated New-York, the 30th day of December, 1859.
law6mS* JAMES McMILLAN, Executor.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF THE Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against MOSES F. CLARK, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, at the store of Messrs. Draper, Clark & Co., No. 22 Park-place, in the City of New-York, on or before the twentieth day of March next.—Dated, New-York, Sept. 16, 1859.
ARETHUSA E. CLARK, Executrix, &c.
s17-1aw6mS* ELIJAH F. CLARK, Executor, &c.

MACHINERY.

ERICSSON'S CALORIC ENGINES.
I. P. MORRIS & CO.,
No. 125 Walnut-st., Philadelphia,
Manufacture and sell Ericsson's Caloric Engines.

FOR SALE,
A ROSE ENGINE LATHE,
In perfect working order. Apply to, or address, H. VASSEUR, rear of No. 41 Franklin-st., Newark, N. J.

SILK MACHINERY FOR SALE.—COMplete machinery for throwing about 200 pounds of silk a week, all in the best order, is offered for sale at 60 per cent. on its original cost. This machinery is of the latest style, and has been in operation for six months only. It can be seen by calling on S. NEWMAN, No. 39 William-st., Newark, N. J.

PORTABLE STEAM AND HOISTING ENGINES of the manufacture of HITTINGER, COOK & CO., the reputation of which is thoroughly established, all sizes, both vertical and horizontal, for sale by
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REGULAR DAYS,
5TH AND 20TH OF EACH MONTH.
On MONDAY, Feb. 20, at 2 P. M., the NORTH ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the splendid steamship
ATLANTIC,
R. H. PEARSON, Commander,
for ASPINWALL, direct, and will connect *vid* PANAMA RAILROAD with Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer
SONORA,
F. R. BABY, Commander,
and proceed direct to SAN FRANCISCO.
For freight, apply at the Office of the Company, No. 56 Wall-st. For passage, apply at the office over the gate—on the wharf—at the foot of Canal-st., to
WM. H. WICKHAM.
N. B.—Letters to all parts of California will be taken by WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S and FREEMAN & CO.'S EXPRESS, by these steamers.

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Chief Cabin Passage.....$130
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FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$110
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The ships from Boston call at Halifax and Cork Harbor.
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ARABIA, Capt. J. Stone, AMERICA, Capt. Millar,
ASIA, Capt. E. G. Lott, NIAGARA, Capt. Anderson,
AFRICA, Capt. Shannon, EUROPA, Capt. J. Leitch,
SCOTIA, (new building.)
These vessels carry a clear white light at mast-head, green on starboard bow, red on port bow.
ASIA, Lott, leaves New-York, Wednesday, Feb. 15.
CANADA, Lang, leaves Boston Wednesday, Feb. 22.
ARABIA, Stone, leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 29.
EUROPA, Leitch, leaves Boston Wednesday, March 7.
AFRICA, Shannon, leaves N. Y., Wednesday, March 14.
AMERICA, Millar, leaves Boston Wed'day, March 21.
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BY JOHN G. SAXE.

I'm notified—fair neighbor mine—
By one of our Profession,
That this—the Term of Valentine—
Is Cupid's Special Session.

Permit me, therefore, to report
Myself on this occasion,
Quite ready to proceed to Court,
And File my Declaration.

I've an Attachment, for you, too;
A legal and a strong one;
O, yield unto the Process, do;
Nor let it be a long one!

No scowling bailiff lurks behind;
He'd be a precious noddy,
Who, failing to Arrest the mind,
Should go and Take the Body.

For though a form like yours might throw
A sculptor in distraction;
I couldn't serve a Capias—no—
I'd scorn so base an Action!

O, do not tell me of your youth,
And turn away demurely;
For, though you're very young, in truth,
You're not an Infant, surely!

The Case is everything to me;
My heart is love's own tissue;
Don't plead a Dilatory Plea;
Let's have the General Issue.

Or, since you've really no Defence,
Why not, this present Session,
Omitting all absurd pretence,
Give Judgment by Confession?

So shall you be my lawful wife;
And I—your faithful lover—
Be Tenant of your heart for Life
With no Remainder over!

THE LOST DEEDS.

AN OLD-FASHIONED LOVE STORY.

BY MRS. ANNA YOUNG.

CHAPTER I.

THE OLD RUIN—A FEARFUL HISTORY.

A traveler paused on the outskirts of a picturesque village to survey the romantic surroundings with the eye of an artist and the heart of a poet.

The little hamlet was nestled away in a secluded nook hemmed in by high hills, on which gleams of the fading sunset still lingered.

Through the glen brawled a clear, rapid stream, whose waters broke into foam over vast bolders of rock, which obstructed their course, until they reached a fall of about twenty feet in height; from the foot of this the rivulet moved on smoothly and quietly. Half a mile below the fall, scattered along the banks of the stream, lay the village; above it, was the spot which most attracted the artistic eye of the stranger. This was a Norman-French cottage, built of the stone found in abundance in the valley, but the rough walls were almost hidden by the ivy that had overgrown them through years of neglect and decay. A few acres of ground stretched away over a level space, which terminated abruptly at the foot of the overhanging cliffs, that formed a picturesque background for the lonely and deserted home, over which wealth and taste had evidently once resided.

Fruit trees, grass and flowers grew around the ruin in wanton profusion; and the tottering portico seemed only upheld by the tenacious fibres of the ivy, which clasped themselves around its pillars, and hung in large wreaths from its moldering cornice.

The out-houses had been built of less substantial materials than the dwelling, and they had fallen utterly to decay, lying in gray masses upon the earth, half concealed by the high grass that grew around them.

The young man paused on the edge of the stream, and gazed around in increasing wonder that a spot for which nature had done so much should be deserted by man. He removed his hat, and permitted the bland air of evening to wander through dark, silky curls, that shaded a high, smooth brow, on which twenty-three Summers had left no trace of care or sorrow. It was a bright, hopeful face, full of the joy of youth—the golden anticipation of a happy and prosperous future—yet in the flexible lips, in the deep eyes, was read a sensitive nature, which might be wrought even to madness by unmerited suffering. The lights and shadows in the picture before him, the gorgeous Autumn livery of the forest trees, the silvery flow of the waters in the brook, filled the painter's soul with a sense of beauty which asked to be perpetuated. He took from his pocket pencil and paper, and made a rapid and masterly sketch, to be enlarged and colored when the means were at his command.

Suddenly a voice spoke immediately above him, and, with a strong nasal accent, said:

"Sure, an' you be making a pictur of the house by the Bloody Run, youngster?"

The artist looked around, and saw perched upon a fragment of a rock, sufficiently elevated to enable him to overlook his work, an old man, who seemed reduced to the last stages of poverty. His patched clothing, battered hat and subdued expression, at once proclaimed him one of the unfortunates of earth—a human being fallen into the dreariness of old age, without fortune or friends.

"You are correct," replied the youth, "and I should like to know why so beautiful a spot is given up to decay and desolation?"

"An' sure, Sir, it's everybody that ought to know how that place came to be left to fall away to nothing. It's the wonder of the valley, an' every child in it can tell you that a curse rests on that house. I'm a poor, beggar body, but it's the sky I'd rather trust to for a covering than shelter myself under that roof over there?"

"I am curious to hear the story; pray begin at once, and the history of the house shall win you your supper, old man."

Thus stimulated the beggar began a disjointed story, which we prefer putting in our own words.

Many, many years before, an English gentleman sought a home in the United States; leaving the most populous portions of the country, he struck out in the West, and finally settled in the village of Glenfall. He erected the cottage after a plan furnished to the architect by himself, and decorated it with paintings and other objects of art brought from his home in the Old World.

Mr. Lennox was a man of gloomy and saturnine temper, and the three motherless lads who accompanied him to his new home seemed to have inherited much of his own nature. They grew to reckless and wild maturity, often treating their father with extreme unkindness, which at times was bitterly resented—at others, passively borne. Scenes of wrath and violence often occurred within the cottage, and the inmates of Glenfall gradually came to look upon its inhabitants as outlaws against the peace and order of their village.

At length the old man died, and the sons quarrelled over the succession to the property he had left. The eldest claimed the chief portion by the law of primogeniture which prevails in his native land. The two younger sons denied the equity of such a claim in a land of equal rights; the dispute grew so high that blows were exchanged; the brethren fought around the paternal hearth, till one stained it with his heart's blood; and, in place of being appalled at this catastrophe, the two survivors seemed only inflamed by it to a more deadly degree of rage against each other; they rushed into the open air, and renewed the combat, the object of each one seeming to be to gain the edge of the bluff above which the cottage was built, and hurl his antagonist upon the rocks below.

In the struggle they gradually approached the brink; they grappled in a deadly embrace, and for many moments it seemed as if the two would fall together, and share a common doom in the waters below. Both were men of powerful frame, and violent passions; neither would yield; and the terrible scene was drawing to a close, when the elder, by a sudden effort of herculean strength, dashed his brother from him with his right hand, and with his left grasped the body of a young tree that grew near the edge of the bluff.

The falling man shrieked as he went down:

"The curse of kindred blood shall follow you!"

What he would have further said was drowned amid the rushing waters; his head came in contact with the jagged surface of a rock, and he was instantly killed. Blood from the wounds on his body tinged the color of the foam as it broke over the fall, and thus the stream had gained its ominous name.

The murderer did not pause to lament the result of his evil passions. He hastily gathered together the money and other valuables belonging to his father, and fled before any legal action could be taken against him.

Pursuit proved unavailing. The murdered brethren were buried in the same grave at the foot of the hills, and years of silent desolation brooded over the lonely house. The associations connected with it were so fruitful that no tenant was found willing to occupy it, though any one might have taken possession without question, as no attempt had ever been made to sell the property.

"A dreadful story, indeed," said the young artist, when he had extracted this much from the bungling narrative of the beggar. "I no longer am surprised that the place was left to decay."

"But that's not all that can be told, Mister. There's another story almost as bad as the first about the old house. May be you'd like to hear that, too?"

"By all means; it is rare to have two horrors enacted in the same house. Let me hear all you can tell about it."

"Well, twenty years after the scrimmage that ended so bad for the younger sons, a man of fifty, with hair as white as snow, and a face full of bad passions, came to Glenfall, and stayed at the tavern there with old Higgins and his wife. They didn't like his looks much, but they was mightily taken with a young gal he had with him, that he called his darter. She was only twelve years old, but she was as pretty as a pictur, an' had a mighty sweet way of talkin' to people that come about her. The man called hisself Lindorf; an' what does he do but go poking about the old house there, and at last he went and had it cleaned out, and had some furniture fixings put in it. Well, in spite of all that could be said agin it, he went there to live."

"And the child? Was she willing to stay in a place with such ghastly associations connected with it?"

"Oh, she knowed nothing about it. The old man wanted it kept from her, and nobody would be so cruel as to tell the young creetur about the murdered brothers when they found she had to live there. Well, old Lindorf went there sure enough, and he was often seen walking around the yard, exactly in the track the brothers took in their death-struggle. His face seemed to grow darker every day, and at last strange suspicions began to be whispered that he knew more about it than any one else."

"Did any one act on those suspicions?"

"Just as some of the folks had made up their minds that something was wrong, and the matter ought to be looked into, Lindorf was found one morning dead in his bed; some said remorse of conscience killed him, but most o' the people about here thought he had put an end to hisself, so you see the old ruin is doubly cursed."

"And what became of the young girl?"

"She stayed in Glenfall until her brother, a college chap, was written to and came for her—that is, she called him brother—but they wasn't a bit alike, and I don't believe she was any kin to him. The lad was dark, fiery-looking, and mighty like old Lindorf; but the gal was fair as the snow-drops and quiet in her way."

"And has no one heard from her since?"

"Not for a long time. For a while, letters came to old Miss Higgins, saying she was at school near her brother, and was well contented; but they came seldomer and seldomer, and now for four years they haven't had a word from her."

"How long since she left Glenfall?"

"Nigh about six years."

The painter mused a few moments, and then said:

"The sudden death of Mr. Lindorf was quite natural—men often die in a fit, and such an incident should not prevent any one from inhabiting that lovely spot. The retirement and beauty of the place are what I have long been seeking, and I am really tempted to dispute possession with the bats and owls."

The beggar peeped at him with an expression of intense surprise on his withered face.

"An' it's a daring man you'd be to stay there by yourself. It's the common belief that the place is give over to the evil demon, and that nobody can stay there without either dying theirselves, or being accused of bringing about the death of some one else."

The listener laughed.

"I shall be certain to die when my time comes, whether I am in that ruin or in my own lodgings in town. As to the other I should never be afraid of such an absurd charge being made against me. I really think I shall brave the goblins, for the view from the portico will make an enchanting picture. You see I am an artist, old man, and I can easily find accommodations for myself and my easel in that old ruin, in such delicious weather as we have at present."

"Well, stranger, I jesi think that if you do stay in Glenfall cottage, you will be mighty fool-hardy, that's all;" and the beggar arose and prepared to hobble away with the aid of a stick. The young man took out a silver coin, and offering it to him, said:

"I shall not try it to-night, at all events. But what did you say was the name of the brethren?"

"Many thanks, sir, for the old man's supper, which this will pay for. Their name was Lennox, and may your taste never be like theirs."

"Not much danger of that," was the cheerful response, as he leaned against the trunk of an aged tree, and drank in all the beauty of the balmy evening, and the picturesque scene before him. On the western side a rift in the hills permitted gleams of the golden sunset to penetrate the valley, and light up the little patch of desolation at their base. The house was crowned with a dome, and the glass which remained unbroken caught the ruddy glow and reflected it back in hues of fire.

At length the purple shadows of evening gathered over the scene, and thinking deeply on the legend of the old place, the young artist walked slowly toward the village of Glenfall, in search of lodging for the night.

CHAPTER II.

AN OPPORTUNITY REJECTED.

The village of Glenfall consisted of a straggling collection of frame buildings, scattered along at the base of the hills, which completely girdled this retired nook. The most of the dwellings were surrounded by inclosures filled with shrubs, grass and flowers. A wide common sloped toward the stream, shaded by trees of a century's growth, which were scattered at intervals along its margin.

Near the centre of the village two immense oaks spread their gnarled branches over a large log house, whitewashed on the outside, and adorned with doors and shutters painted of a vivid green. Swinging from a convenient bough in front, was a grim and weather-beaten portrait of WASHINGTON.

The Washington House, as it was ambitiously called, was neither very extensive nor much given to entertaining guests. Occasionally a straggler came to this secluded spot, which no railroad had yet invaded, and the old couple who kept the house welcomed him most hospitably, as much for the news he brought with him from the outside world, as for the trifling sum he was charged for his board.

As he came with slow steps towards the village, the lingering twilight gave the young traveler an opportunity of observing all the details we have endeavored to set forth. Fresh from the heat and turmoil of the city, his soul was filled with the quiet charm of the scene and the sweet influences of the hour. His resolution was taken to remain a season in Glenfall, and if practicable, to become the tenant of the ruined cottage. He was singularly free from superstitious fears, and for several reasons the very seclusion its evil repuatation would insure was its greatest recommendation.

A venerable couple, long past middle age, sat beneath the shadows of the trees, which served as a portico to the tavern. The stranger was a welcome sight to them, for many weeks had elapsed since a guest had sought the shelter of their roof; and this one was of such prepossessing appearance as promised something to interest and enliven them.

The young man had an active, well-proportioned figure, and a strongly-marked though pleasing face. His eyes were dark, full and expressive, and the massive brow rose like a dome above them. His mouth was permitted to show its mobile expression, though a small moustache curled above a finely curved upper lip, which seemed capable of quivering either with passion or with glee, as suited the mood of its owner.

His dress was simple, and suited to the pedestrian tour he was evidently making. A loose-linen blouse belted to his waist showed beneath it a pair of serviceable pants and strong walking boots. A large slouched hat of fine straw shaded his hair, which was of a pale brown, and curled in short rings around his temples. Altogether, the artist was a very attractive-looking person, even in his dusty traveling costume, and this he knew very well, though he was by no means vain or inclined to self-conceit.

His arrival has already been heralded by the old beggar, who was snugly ensconced in the kitchen, partaking of the supper the bounty of the stranger had enabled him to order. Mr. Higgins put on his spectacles that he might take a satisfactory survey of the young man as he came toward them, and the old lady soon followed his example. The pleasing impression made on them was confirmed by the cheerful, manly voice which greeted them:

"A good evening to you, my friends, and may you live to enjoy many that can soothe the heart and charm the eye as this does. Your little valley is really as beautiful as a nook of Eden, and you, in your patriarchal simplicity, seated beneath those magnificent trees, might be mistaken for the first man and woman, looking out serenely upon the world you had peopled and cultivated."

"Many thanks to you, sir, but my old woman and me does not ever expect to be elevated to such a honored position as that. Adam was the first man from the hand of God; but the first man in our town isn't the old tavern keeper, but the owner of the shingle palace over yonder, who doesn't do nothing for a living."

The stranger half smiled, and good humoredly said:

"I am sorry to find at the outset that my paradise has the taint of envy amid all its loveliness. I was thinking as I came along, that the evil passions of our nature should find no place in such a spot as this, yet the story to which I listened at the falls above should have proved the contrary to me."

"Ah, Sir, where can a human go that he does not carry evil with him, as our preacher says. Envy—oh, no Sir, I shan't plead guilty to no such mean thing. I don't envy John Withers; but somehow he is always interfering with me. As soon as I get an interesting boarder, who shall come along but Withers, with a pressing invitation to him to change his quarters to his house, and stay as long as he makes himself agreeable. The man breaks up my living, as one may say; though for the matter of that, my farm supports the Washington, and I may say that we take boarders more for company than profit. The old woman and me are lonesome, because we have no children to come to see us, and brighten us up, and we don't thank John Withers for interfering with us, and them that stops with us."

"A pestilent fellow this Withers must be," was the smiling reply of the young man as he threw himself into a capacious seat and cast aside his hat; "but you need have no fears of him on my account, for I assure you I shall not take up my quarters with him."

"I am glad to hear you say that," said the old woman, "but I really don't think that Mr. Withers has ever brought a pestilence here, young man, though he is meddlesome with our travelers. Glenfall is celebrated far and wide for its good health and fine air."

"A quibbling old pair," thought the youth. "How delightfully verdant they must be!" He then spoke aloud:

"I am very hungry and thirsty, my friends; can I have milk and eggs served to me here under the trees, with such other food as is already prepared? As long as a gleam of light remains I wish to watch the shadows deepening over the hill-sides and settling in the valley."

"People that come here often have the same whim," remarked Mrs. Higgins. "You can have a table here with your supper in a few minutes. I will see after it myself, because I like your looks."

Mrs. Higgins bustled into the house, and soon returned, followed by a well-grown, red-armed girl, with hair cut short to her head, and her somewhat scanty garments of unimpeachable neatness. She brought a small table covered with a snowy napkin, on which a palatable supper was soon spread. While he slowly enjoyed the repast, the stranger was unconscious that his host and hostess were incessantly talking to him, though his mind took little note of what they were saying.

At length the broad questions were asked;

"What is your name, young man—and what may be your occupation when you are at home?"

This aroused him from his reverie, and he replied:

"My name is Harry Arden, and I am a dabbler in paint."

"A painter, well that is lucky," said Mrs. Higgins. "I was jest wanting the winder shetters to our house done over; the green aint nigh so pretty as it was. Ef you stay with us long enough, Mr. Arden, you can get the job, and pay your way at the same time."

Arden laughed.

"Excuse me, ma'am, but you make a slight mistake. I am not a house-painter, but an artist; I shall have no objection to take the portraits of yourself and Mr. Higgins, as I saw you sitting here as I came toward your house; but I could not undertake the other commission."

"Oh, a figger painter; and that's all!" exclaimed Mrs. Higgins, with an expression of disappointment. "I vally things according to their use, Mr. Arden; and don't see no sense in two ugly old people, like my old man and me, gittin' our picters painted. I'm sorry you can't undertake the shetters, because that would suit me to a notch. I've been after Higgins a long spell to have 'em done over, but he wouldn't send for a man from the next town. Don't you think, now, you could manage it for me?"

"I am really sorry that I cannot accommodate you, ma'am; but seriously I cannot consent to do what is so entirely out of my line."

"Phoo! young man; anybody that can paint a man, can paint a plain piece of plank of solid color," here remarked Mr. Higgins, "but I know the difference between you picter painters and the others. You'd better let him alone, old woman, or he'll get affronted and go to Withers' at once. As I live, there he comes now to see who we've got here. Remember your promise, Mr. Arden, and don't be coaxed away from us. Withers has a daughter, too, and she likes handsome beaux to flirt with, sure. Better keep away from Miss Dora."

"Do not be uneasy as to my allegiance to the Washington," said Arden, laughing. "I am predetermined not to find Mr. Withers irresistible, even if he has a pretty daughter as an ally."

CHAPTER III.

ANOTHER STRANGE OUTRAGE AT THE RUIN.

The person who now approached was a short, thick-set man, with sandy hair and whiskers, and a cunning expression of face. His dress was of fine material, and arranged with some pretension to elegance, though it was rather of a flashy order. He wore his hat set jauntily on the side of his head, and carried his thumbs stuck in the armholes of his vest, as he drew near with a strut and swagger, which proclaimed his ideas of his own consequence.

A tall, staring mansion, with a portico in front, supported by massive pillars, stood on the corner opposite the tavern, the trees had been removed from that spot alone, to display the handsome front of the new edifice. It was of a composite order of architecture impossible to describe, and most incongruous in effect. From the window of his own sanctum, Mr. Withers had observed the entrance of a stranger in the quiet village, and at once came forth to ascertain as much concerning him as might be gathered. That he was young, handsome, and refined in appearance, he saw, and if his manners corresponded with his outward bearing, he intended again to deprive the tavern keeper of his guest; for Mr. Withers felt the dullness of the quiet little town in which he lived, and was glad to extend his hospitality to any presentable person whose society could relieve the monotony of his daily life.

As the village great man drew near, he removed his hat, and courteously inclined his head to the new comer, while he said what was meant for an aside:

"A new arrival, eh Higgins? Came over on purpose to make his acquaintance. Nice looking young fellow; found out his name by this time I dare say? Introduce me."

Higgins deliberately removed his pipe from his lips, and said—

"Mr. Arden, this is John Withers, as I told you when I seen him coming over here. He aint much to interduce to you, but he wants to know you, that he may keep me out of the few dollars you might pay me, by taking you over to his house, and having all your pleasant talk to hisself and his lovely darter, Miss Dora."

"Really, really, Higgins, this is worse than ever," said Mr. Withers, growing very red in the face. "The fact is, Mr. Arden, I love society of a kind not often found in a small town like this, and when respectable-looking people come into the place, I sometimes take them to my poor house, and endeavor to entertain them as well as I can. My good friend here, does not like this; he thinks I interfere with his business, though really nothing is further from my intention than to do so."

"Stop it then, and don't keep doing a thing forever, and yet say you have no intention of doing it. That's a flat contradiction I am not smart enough to reconcile. As to the young man, you won't take him away, for when I told him you would come after him, he promised to stay here—so there now."

His defiant tone proved too much for Mr. Withers' politeness; with much heat he asked:

"Has the old heathen really extracted such a promise from you?"

"No more a heathan than yourself, John Withers," exclaimed Mrs. Higgins. "My old man is a better Christian than you are, any day. Keep your names to yourself, and don't forget when you come to the Washington that if you and Miss Dora is the *genteel* people of Glenfall, we come foremost among the respectable ones."

These words were so volubly uttered that Mr. Withers seemed slightly bewildered, and Arden took advantage of the brief pause to say:

"I beg that there may be no misunderstanding on my account, as it is not my intention to remain with either of you. Mr. Higgins misunderstood my pledge not to accept an invitation from you, Mr. Withers, if you should prove so kind as to tender me one; it involved no promise to remain after to-night at the Washington. I am an artist by profession, and I have already selected a locality in the neighborhood, from which to sketch the surrounding scenery to advantage. As soon as possible I shall make arrangements to take possession of it."

Both his visitors looked disappointed. Withers quickly asked:

"May I ask what place you have chosen, Sir? My house is the highest in the village, and from the upper windows the view looks over the whole valley."

"Many thanks for your kindness, but as I came down the glen I saw a deserted cottage, overrun with ivy, which will afford me shelter. If possible, I will take up my residence there for a few weeks, until I can make some studies from neighboring spots to combine hereafter in a picture."

As Arden uttered this explanation, the face of Withers underwent many singular changes. He lost much of his florid color, and then flushed to a deeper purple than ever, as he nervously said:

"You are probably not aware, young man, that a curse rests upon that dreary spot. Its hearthstone was once reddened with fratricidal blood, and for many years the house has had the reputation of being haunted. Strange stories are told about flitting lights being seen through the windows on dark nights, and wild cries have been heard that seem wrung from one in mortal extremity."

"I chanced to meet an old beggar as I came hither, and he related to me the tragic story connected with the place. To speak the truth, his narrative only stimulated my desire to get possession of the ruin. The death struggle he graphically described would make a most effective picture, and if I stay upon the spot, I may chance to gain inspiration from the locality, which will enable me to do it justice."

"You would be a daring man to attempt such a thing, Sir; a most daring man, for the place is surely under a ban. Every attempt that has been made to inhabit it, since the deadly affray of the brothers, has led to some evil to the person who made it. You had better give up the idea, Mr. Arden, and come to my house, where I can give you more congenial employment in painting a portrait of my daughter."

Mr. Withers spoke very earnestly, but Arden's determination was not influenced by this evident desire to prevent him from putting his scheme into execution. He said:

"I thank you—I will not refuse the employment you offer; but that will not interfere with my plan. I must adhere to it unless I can see better cause for abandoning it than has yet been given. I am not at all superstitious, and what has been related to me concerning the cottage rather stimulates my curiosity and increases my desire to gain possession of it. I have heard of places being haunted by the living for purposes of their own."

"In that case you might run a greater risk than if ghosts and goblins actually beset it," said Withers, with much earnestness. "Are you aware of the last incident that occurred at Glenfall cottage, Mr. Arden?"

"The death of Mr. Lindorf? Yes, Sir; the beggar related that; but there was nothing very unusual in such an occurrence. Men often retire in apparent health, and are found dead the next morning."

"But that is not yet the last. Old Jerry has been away from this neighborhood for the last year, and in that time a new outrage has added to the just horror in which the old ruin is held. It is my belief that, if any spot of ground has been given over to the Evil One to work his will in, it is that old Lennox place. But to the story. About four months since, young Lindorf returned to Glenfall, and insisted on occupying, for a season, the room in which his father died. His object, I afterwards learned, was to recover some valuable family papers which the old gentleman is believed to have secreted there. He endeavored to get some one to accompany him and aid him in the search; but I was absent, and the people about here refused to go with him, so Lindorf went up alone. His search during the day was unsuccessful, and he sent down to the village for wine, provisions and a lamp, resolute to remain through the night, in the silly belief that the old man might come to him during its watches, and reveal the hiding-place of the papers he was so anxious to recover."

"And were his hopes gratified?" asked Arden, with a grave face.

"Nonsense! how should they be? Lindorf was pretty well tired out, and at last fell asleep. The sequel to the affair was, that he came very near never waking in this world again. A severe blow upon his head struck him senseless, and if I had not returned home in the nick of time, he would probably have died there. When I heard of what he had ventured to do, and that he was still invisible at mid-day, I took a man with me and went to look after him. I found him covered with blood, and still insensible. I had him conveyed to my house, and we nursed him until he recovered."

"And the blow? Who inflicted that? A thing so real must have been produced by human agency. Was no clue to the perpetrator found?"

None. We raised a posse of men, and made diligent search among the ruins, but we detected nothing wrong about them. The only conclusion was that supernatural power had been used against him."

"That seems to me an absurd conclusion when the man was seriously injured by something so tangible as a blow. I really think, Mr. Withers, that I shall attempt to rescue Glenfall cottage from its weird reputation. I have a friend who will join me there, and I think I shall certainly remain until I have completed a series of drawings I contemplate making from that spot. I invite you and Mr. Higgins to visit me there, and see what progress I shall make in my undertaking. My wants are simple and easily supplied, and if my good landlady here will undertake to furnish me with a basket of cold provisions every day, I will come down for them myself, and report about the doings of the goblins."

"Dear me, Mr. Arden," said Mrs. Higgins, "You'd better stop long o' us at nights, and only face the ghosts in the daytime. It's a mighty great ventur' you're making to stay there by yourself."

"There would be no excitement in not being there at the 'witching time o' night' I am desirous of seeing and hearing these goblins for myself; and I will endeavor to ascertain why they come back to try their strength on those who have never harmed them. There is some hidden mystery about the place, and you may be sure that such results as we have heard related but now are produced by people as real as either of us. Is any illicit trade carried on about here which would render the house a desirable place of rendezvous for those engaged in it?"

Mr. Withers exclaimed:

"Absurd! in this quiet nook! How can you imagine such a thing among people remarkable for their simplicity and rectitude of life?"

"From its very seclusion designing men may have chosen it as least likely to be suspected. At all events, I have made up my mind to try the experiment of inhabiting the cottage. I will look at it to-morrow, and write to my friend to join me as soon as possible."

"I would advise you to remain here, then, until your friend comes. It will be safer and better for many reasons."

Arden glanced at the speaker, and the slight perturbation of manner which Withers could not altogether conceal, determined him to persist in his design of taking possession of the cottage in the morning. If a mystery really existed, he was by this time obstinately determined to fathom it.

CHAPTER IV.

THE OLD CRONE'S WARNING.

The young artist arose with his determination unchanged. A night's reflection had only strengthened his purpose to solve the mystery of the haunted house. He sat beneath the old trees, and partook of his breakfast, wondering within himself if he could ever give a fair transcript of this lovely valley, with its charming contrasts, its exquisit blending of grandeur and beauty.

Again Mr. Higgins and his wife would have renewed the discussion of the previous evening, and dissuaded him from attempting to visit the cottage; but he gaily refused to listen to any further remonstrance, and at last left them to pursue his way up the valley carrying his portfolio under his arm.

He paused many times in his walk to note the picturesque turns in the brook which rushed with noisy brawl towards its bourne. The mists soon rolled away, and the hills were sharply defined in the morning air, their purple shadows contrasting with the brightness of the sparkling stream which broke into foam at their base. He at length came to a rustic bridge which spanned the stream just below the fall; this seemed scarcely safe to pass, but he ventured over, and by stepping carefully, reached the other side in safety. Arden had loitered so long upon the road that the sun was shining brightly over the decayed roof of Glenfall cottage when he entered the inclosure that surrounded it. The story he had heard gave this yard a terrible attraction to him. He trod slowly through it, and endeavored, in imagination, to follow the path of the brethren who had clutched each other in that fearful death-struggle, seeking to picture the scene vividly before his mind, that he might reproduce it with the power of a master.

There grew near the edge of the bluff a gnarled and knotty tree, which looked as if some elfin hand had twisted it out of shape in its infancy, and nature had been unable to restore its original grace and beauty to her offspring. The rugged roots grew above the surrounding soil in many places, as if they had been at some far distant period torn from its protecting embrace; and it needed little effort of the imagination to fix on this stunted tree as the one which had sustained the elder brother while he hurled the younger to destruction upon the rocks below.

Arden sat down under its shade, and arranged all the details of the picture he intended to paint. He made a slight pencil sketch of the scene, and then proceeded to inspect the house. This he found in a better state of preservation than he had been led to expect; and he was surprised to find that efforts had recently been made to prevent it from falling entirely to decay. The pillars that supported the portico had been carefully propped, and a new bolt was found inside of the door. The last he accounted for by supposing that young Lindorf had placed it there as a protection against intrusion on the night of his nocturnal vigil, though from the account of Withers, it had not answered the purpose intended.

The door unclosed without effort, and Arden entered a square hall from which apartments opened on either hand. Neglect and damp had caused the paper hangings to peel from the walls, leaving only small fragments clinging here and there, to show that they had once represented the island of Calypso, with its gorgeous tropical scenery, and lovely nymphs.

The rooms looked as if they had been recently swept, and there was no accumulation of rubbish such as is usually found in deserted houses. A large apartment on the southern side had a bay window, from which the whole panorama of the fair valley was clearly visible, while the ceaseless flow of the waters below arose as an anthem of melody to the ear. Even if the artist had wavered in his resolve to occupy the house, one glance from this window would have determined him to remain and dare all the goblins could do, until he had perpetuated the scene on canvass.

Opposite to this was a room of large size, octagon in shape, and lighted from above by a glass dome. The alternate panels in the walls had evidently been occupied by cases for books and paintings. A few of the latter, mildewed and rotting from their frames, still occupied the place assigned them by hands long since mouldered into dust; while they remained as an evidence of the refined tastes and luxurious habits of the broken-hearted old man who had borne them from his English home to embellish the one he created for himself in the New World.

After examining every nook, and finding nothing that seemed suspicious, no secret outlet leading to subterranean depths which might conceal a deadly foe, the young man slowly turned his steps toward Glenfall, with his mind filled with stirring fancies, and half-defined projects.

As he descended the pathway leading to the insecure bridge, he found his way obstructed by an old woman who had seated herself upon the narrow causeway and completely filled it up. It was evident to Arden that she had placed herself there for the purpose of intercepting him, and he paused to survey her with a sort of wonder at her extreme homeliness. She was wrinkled, toothless, and altogether repulsive; yet there was a gleam of malicious intelligence in her deep set eyes which showed that old and worn as she seemed, the mind within still retained all the vital power it had ever possessed. Her dress was of deep blue calico, and over her gray locks a strip of crimson merino was thrown, contrasting strangely with the silvery hair and withered face it shaded.

"What a capital figure for one of Macbeth's witches," was the thought that passed through Arden's mind, but it was speedily put to flight by the shrill, cracked voice of the woman, saying:

"Are you the conceited youngster who expects to be allowed to sleep in peace, up at the cot yonder? Have you not been warned of the evil that always follows those who abide under that roof? Young man, don't think that you know better than any one else, and persist in this mad scheme of yours, for I tell you that if you do you will repent it to the last hour of your life. I am a wise woman, as the dullards call me; I can read the future, and I came here to warn you—to turn you from this fatal path, for if you persist in walking on it, fatal it shall surely be to your whole future life."

These words were uttered with a volubility that defied interruption, even if Arden had desired to offer it; but he wished to hear all she had placed herself in his path to say, and judge for himself of its worth. He quietly replied:

"I appreciate your kindness, good woman, in trying to save me from the consequences of a rash determination: but unless you can give me some good reason why I should not become the occupant of the Lennox cottage, I must still persist in my original intention. I am sceptical as to your power to read future events, for the religion which has been a part of my education teaches me that to God alone is known the course of events, and their issue. Pray arise, and let me pass—I am on my way now to the village to make my final arrangements to take possession of the ruin."

"No—I came here to stop you, and you may jest stand there till I'm ready to move and let you over. You look like a sensible kind of man enough, and I would like to know what has put it in your head to risk your life in that old tumble down place yonder, when there is a good tavern in Glenfall, kept by such kind people as Higgins and his wife."

"Perhaps I shall not choose to explain my reasons to you, as I can see no right that you have to demand them. Will you move, or shall I cross the stream on the rocks below?"

"That would be about as venturesome as this other folly," coolly replied the woman; "for the rocks are covered with moss, which is slippery as the path of life, and you'd be likely to knock out the few brains nature gave you on some of those jagged points, which have run red with blood before to-day. Are you tired of life, young man, that you wish to risk it for nothing but the gratification of a whim?"

"Tired of life! no indeed; mine is full of hope for the future, and enjoyment in the present. Look at my elastic frame, my healthy cheek, and hearken to my cheerful voice. Do any of these bear witness to weariness of that great boon—life?"

"You've a sound body, tenanted by a very unsound mind, then," retorted the crone, "or you would never think of resting beneath the roof haunted by the fell avengers of blood. Young man, you may not believe in the supernatural; but I bid you beware of again entering the Lennox cottage, if you wish to take away from this valley the light heart and untarnished name with which you entered it."

"Tush, old woman! Seek some more credulous person on whom you may impose by this pretence of second sight. I give no heed to warnings of such a nature. Let me pass! I have heard enough!"

"You won't believe me, then," she said, with a weary desperation in her voice. "You will go on the path of danger, though you are warned of the fatal consequences. Now listen to me, and if you can, give faith to my parting words. If you persist in occupying the haunted house, you will either never leave it alive, or you will carry with you from its walls a miserable sorrow, which will cling to you till the last hour of your life! You will mockingly ask me how I know this. I cannot tell; but still the knowledge of it is with me; and if you ask the people in Glenfall, they will tell you that old Betty Baine always foretells that which comes to pass. Now take or refuse the warning, as you may think best."

As she finished speaking, she arose slowly, moved to one side, and made way for Arden to pass. He paused a moment before doing so, and disdainfully said:

"It seems very singular to me that such efforts are made to prevent me from following up this fancy of mine. Who sent you to waylay me thus, and proclaim your evil prophecies?"

"The spirit that is within me warned me to come to you; by no mortal's command did I come. I have been sent here by a higher power than aught of earth, to reveal to you the consequences of your folly if you persist in going to the cottage; but no human voice sent me on the green path where you were to be found.

Arden laughed in scorn at this reply, and the crone shook her finger menacingly toward him as she said:

"'The fool seeth not his own folly,' was said long ago, and it is as true now as when it was first uttered. Go—I deliver you over to the mercy of the evil spirits who rule your fate. When they have dealt with you I will look on you again, either in life or in death!"

She hobbled away with the aid of a crutch, and the young man went on his way, more obstinately determined than ever to follow out the plan which seemed to arouse such opposition. Reckless daring was the leading trait in his character, and an utter disbelief in the supernatural gave him a more vivid contempt for the warnings he had received than they perhaps deserved. In spite of the renewed remonstrances of the tavern-keeper and his wife, Arden remained firm to his purpose to pass the coming night at the haunted house; and a cot bedstead, his artist's chair and a small table were conveyed to the room with the bay window, together with a lamp and his painting materials. Old Jerry assisted Arden to arrange them, but no inducement could be offered him to remain after the sun had sunk over the western hills. The cheerful light of that luminary seemed to the beggar a tacit defiance of the malice of the house-fiends who availed themselves of night and darkness to work out their evil purpose; and, with many misgivings, Jerry left the courageous stranger alone.

Arden walked about the yard until the stars were glittering in myriads in the cloudless azure of the heavens, and thought that night had never been so lovely before. He was reluctant to re-enter the house, though he felt no dread of its unearthly inmates—and he believed that he had taken every precaution against the intrusion of more substantial ones, by placing strong fastenings on the door leading from the room he intended to occupy.

At length he remembered that he must write to his cousin that night, that his letter might be sent on the morrow; for, in that secluded place, the mail was only sent out twice in the course of the week. This cousin was the only near friend that he claimed on earth; the two young men had been reared by a bachelor uncle, who had recently died, and left them, so far as they knew to the contrary, without another relative in the United States; distant cousins they claimed in England, but no intercourse had ever been held with them.

By the dim light of the single lamp the large room looked dreary and desolate enough; but Arden soon turned his thoughts completely from his surroundings, and fixed them upon the page before him. With a rapid hand he wrote. After giving an account of the old ruin, the superstitious fear with which it was regarded, and his own scheme, &c., he said:

"Fred, I would not exchange my passionate love of my beautiful art for the most brilliant fortune earth can offer; therefore, you are welcome to the worldly wealth which I once thought would be equally shared between us.

"By this time the business relative to the settlement of our uncle's estate is completed, and you have come into possession of the handsome fortune he left. Henceforth you can pursue your investigations without regard to expense, and this is best for us both, after all. You require this money to follow the only pursuit in which you can find happiness: while I only need good health, a light heart and a skillful hand to accomplish that for which nature designed me from my birth. We have different paths assigned us, and we must act accordingly; my uncle felt this, and so made the difference in our inheritance, which some of our friends thought so unjust. You know that I have not shared in this feeling, Fred, but felt glad that to you had been given the means of pursuing the chimera that has taken such rooted possession of your soul, for I know that only in following up the natural bent of the mind can happiness be found. But you must remember, dear Fred, that I never can believe in your finding out the secret of turning the baser metals into gold.

"Since I have been here I have been asked many times if I can take daguerreotypes; and it has occurred to me, that by giving a few hours every day to that branch of art I can pay my expenses, and still reserve many hours of leisure for pursuits more congenial to my taste. Bring me an instrument for taking them, of the very best quality, and such materials as I may need.

"I have made the acquaintance of the most important man in the village, who has expressed a desire that I should paint the portrait of his daughter. I have not yet seen the young lady, but the father is not exactly to my taste. He has been the architect of his own fortune, and it seems strange to me that a practiced man of the world should profess to share the common superstition of the country people with regard to this house being haunted. There is some game going on here. I shall write no more, as I expect you as soon as you can pack up, and join me. Truly yours,

"HARRY ARDEN."

CHAPTER V.

AN UNACCOUNTABLE PHENOMENON.

Wearied by the exertions of the day, Arden at length threw himself upon his bed, and for several hours slept heavily. He left his lamp burning, and his letter open on the table; for in spite of the efforts made to intimidate him, he was fearless of intrusion in that secluded spot, and he had no thought that any eye, save his own, would rest upon the lines he had traced.

Before lying down he examined the strong bolts he had himself put upon the door, and saw that they were in place. The windows on the side of the room, by long misuse, were so firmly imbedded in their frames, that it was impossible to move them; and the bay window, which let in air and light, overhung the stream in such a manner that any one who attempted to enter the room through it would risk falling upon the rocks below and being d